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Power to the people: President Yeltsin punching home his message to workers at a car factory in Moscow yesterday. He called for a referendum on who governs Russia

Bomb cover for the City withdrawn by insurers

By Sarah Bagnall

AS ANOTHER bomb exploded in the capital yesterday, the Corpbration of London was told by its insurers that its property worth up to £6 billion will not be covered against terrorist bombings from the end of the year.

The decision by a dozen companies, including Commercial Union and Sun Alliance, the corporation's main insurers, to withdraw cover comes after weeks of negotiation and leaves City landmarks and such listed buildings as the Mansion House and Guildhall without any cover against terrorism. The corporation owns nearly a

third of City property.

The news that insurers are already beginning to refuse to renew cover has intensified the need for a quick solution to the problem. But the government, which has expressed deep concern over the issue, is publicly at loggerheads with the insurance industry over who should underwrite the costs of mainland UK bomb

attacks.

The Association of British Insurers is adamant that the government should shoulder the entire burden, but the government is insisting on a commercial solution.

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Yeltsin fights back over 'creeping coup'

FROM ANNE MCELVOY
IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA faced a constitutional crisis last night after President Yeltsin launched an allout attack on the country's highest legislature, accusing it of preparing a "creeping coup", and called for a referendum on who rules the country.

Mr Yeltsin then turned directly to his people in search of the million signatures he needs to secure the plebiscite denied him by parliament. Having brought to a head the power clash between the government and the Congress of People's Deputies, the president sped to a Moscow car factory where he urged workers to keep their faith in reforms and to begin collect-

ing signatures.

In the Kremlin, Mr Yeltsin had denounced the assembly as a reactionary body intent on undermining his government, blocking reform and seeking to drive a wedge between the legislature and the executive. He issued a warning that the clash could end in violence.

"Congress is a bulwark of conservative forces and reaction," he said. "Reform in Russia is in serious danger. What they failed to do in August 1991, they have decided to repeat now by way of a creeping coup. We are being pushed towards a dangerous brink beyond which there is nothing but destabilisation

President Yeltsin believes the people of Russia will back him in his reforms battle with the Congress of People's Deputies. He fears violence on the streets

and economic chaos. We are being pushed towards civil war." A referendum was "the only way out of this profound crisis of power". Beginning his address "citi-

zens of Russia", with the shocked deputies mentioned only secondarily, the president made clear that he no longer intended to try to reach a compromise with the legislature, which he accused of seeking to exercise power without responsibility. "I ask the citizens of Russia to determine what side they are on and what course they support that of the president or the Supreme Soviet and its chairman. This must be done to

save stability in Russia."

But Mr Yelisin's call for a referendum next month to amend the constitution and dissolve Congress was rejected, and the assembly countered with a demand for presidential and congressional elections. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Congress chairman attacked by Mr Yeltsin, suggested that the president should be impeached for violating the constitution by his move against the assembly,

while the head of the constitutional court urged the government and Congress to find a

way out of their deadlock, threatening to investigate the legality of both sides' actions.

Mr Yeltsin then went straight to the Lenin Komsomolets car factory to drum up support among workers who shouted: "Good luck, Boris Nikolayevich" and

"We are with you." At the



same time, thousands of demonstrators both for and against Mr Yeltsin gathered on Red Square to trade insults as news of the referendum call spread. Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's mayor, said he would take all steps necessary to avoid mass disturbances as tensions rose inside and outside the Congress hall. Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, pledged to keep the army out of the conflict. "We shall not let the armed forces be pulled into solving political battles," he said. "The situation is under control."

under control."

But Mr Yeltsin's opponents, including Aleksandr Rutskoi, his vice-president, intend to fight to save Congress, the main platform of conservative politicians. Mr Rutskoi accused Mr Yeltsin of provoking destabilisation by his attack on the legislature. "Any line that leads to a split in the country carries with it a threat to social peace." he said.

peace," he said.

On Wednesday, Congress refused to endorse Mr Yeltsin's candidate, Yegor Gaidar, as prime minister, despite accepting the president's offer of giving parliament control over four key ministries. This snub was the last straw for the government, which has been struggling to get the reform package and constitutional amendments

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Bandits besiege Somalia aid workers

AID workers in Baidoa, under siege from looters and bandits, bitterly criticised American military planners for failing to send troops to the city, and fortified their compounds after ten days of attacks.

As dusk settled over Baidoa, the town at the centre of the famine, relief agencies reinforced their houses and set guards armed with heavy machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades.

American troops had been expected to arrive in Baidoa at the same time as they arrived in the capital. Mogadishu, on Wednesday. The relief workers suffered a wave of looting attacks ahead of the devlocement.

deployment.
The aid workers' criticism came as French Foreign Legionnaires fired on a truck speeding through a roadblock in Mogadishu last night, kill-

American delays in reaching the town at the centre of the Somali famine have led to a wave of looting, Sam Kiley writes from Baidoa

ing two Somalis and injuring at least six. It was the first serious clash since American and French troops came ashore to secure the delivery of food aid.

The southern port city of

The southern port city of Kismayn was also expected to be taken by American and other soldiers when they swept into Mogadishu. When they did not arrive, gummen went on the rampage, forcing all relief work to be halted and all foreign nationals to leave

the city.

Relief flights to Baidoa have also declined, and the death rate there has leapt

from about 40 a day to more than 100 as planes have been diverted to carry food to Mogadishu and supplies for the incoming American forces. "That's where it is not needed as there are thousands of tonnes waiting to be

forces. "That's where it is not needed as there are thousands of tonnes waiting to be distributed from the port," said Lockten Morrissy, head of the Care International project in Baidoa. "They are probably flying in essential supplies of Coca-Cola and ice cream."

In Mogadishin, the directors of relief agencies working in Baidoa yesterday frantically lobbied senior American officers and Robert Oakley, the US special envoy to Somalia, to send troops to Baidoa immediately.

Many expatriates who have worked in Baidoa for months also complained that the military planners of Operation Restore Hope had made no effort to make contact with people on the ground. Aid agencies were attacked on Wednesday night and the raiders were driven off by locally employed security guards.

"We have been told by our people that each of the local families has been assigned an agency compound for looting." Mr Morrissy said. "The whole operation so far has been counter-productive. Our security has been compromised and the number of people dying has gone up."

Roadblock killings, page 15

best wishes, but may not go to wedding BY ALAN HAMILTON AND NICHOLAS WOOD BUCKINGHAM Palace after the full cabinet was and senior ministers vester. briefed on the constitutions

Princess sends

BUCKINGHAM Palace and senior ministers yesterday sought to damp down speculation and anxiety over the future possibility of a separated Princess of Wales becoming queen. Wednesday's amounce-

weinissiay's announced water that the Prince of Wales and the princess were to separate has sparked a heated debate on the prospect of a new king and queen, having lived separate lives for many years, riding to their coronation in separate carriages.

Evidence of a new and more detached role for the princess was immediately evident yesterday. She sent a message of best wishes to her sister-in-law, the Princess Royal, who is to marry Commander Timothy Laurence in Scotland tomorrow. There could be no clearer indication that she has absented herself from the guest list, and that the prince will attend alone.

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Bucking ham Palace emphasised that John Major's assertion to the Commons that there was no reason why the princess should not become queen was intended only as a statement of the legal and constitutional position under a separation, and in no way intended as prediction of what might or might not happen. Constitutionalists are agreed that, should separation proceed to divorce, an entire new situa-

Major aims

to salvage

summit

with new

cash ideas

By Phillip Webster in Edinburgh

BRITAIN last night made a

fresh attempt to break the

threatened deadlock at the

two-day Edinburgh summit

by tabling new budget propos-

als to give more money to its

But it appeared to be on

course for a new dispute with

the European Commission

president, Jacques Delors, since there is no change under

the revised plan to the propos-

al that the overall EC budget

should be £60.5 billion in

1999. A senior commission

official described it as

However, by redistributing the money and drawing small

sums from reserves, an extra

£900 million is proposed for

The four-nation European

Fighter Aircraft was officially

saved in what was seen as a

the "cohesion" fund which benefits Spain, Portugal, Ire-

Community leaders were studying the proposals last

night, but Commission offici-

accompanied by only small

adjustments to the larger "structural funds" for the smaller countries — would be

unlikely to satisfy most of the

southern states, since they would still receive £4 billion less than under proposals put forward by M Delors earlier

Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish prime minister, said the

proposals were inadequate

adding: "The Spanish delegation will not allow any kind

of partial solution. If there is

an answer to the Danish

problem and there is no

answer to the question of the

financial package, then the

summit will not have overall success." Asked whether he

thought there would be an

overall deal, he replied: "Prob-

Besides the new proposals

on future financing, which

will be discussed at today's

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tion would arise.

Ministers, keen to allay
Tory backbench anxieties,
were saying that ultimately
it would be up to the Prince
of Wales to decide whether
the princess should be
crowned queen. Their behind-the-scenes moves came

after the full cabinet was briefed on the constitutional position, and as growing numbers of Conservative MPs dismissed as Judicrous the notion that the breakdown of the marriage posed no obstacle to the Princess of Wales taking her place on the throne.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, agreed that the wording of the statement had been legally

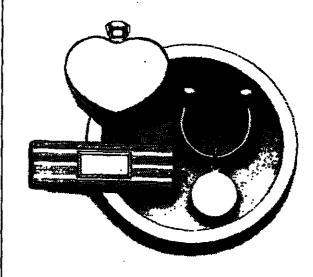


Separate life: the princess yesterday

correct. "Whether it will happen that way depends on the ongoing situation, which I cannot predict." Lord Henderson of Brompton, a former clerk of the parliaments, said he thought it impossible in practice for the princess to

be crowned queen.
"The reality is that it will only cause trouble if she was made queen. It would only be appropriate if the two Continued on page 2, col 8

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Can our bangers match the EC's sharp cruisers?

hank heavens for Charles Hendry (C, High Peak). A cheerful labrador pup of a new boy, Mr Hendry yesterday rescued the Commons and its audience from a dismal winter afternoon. It was not so much what Mr Hendry said - which prompted a grin but no more — as the reverie he sparked, which lit up the afternoon. But let us begin at the beginning.

We started with Treasury questions. Christmas cards on their minds, MPs found it hard to work themselves up. Labour's Gordon Brown boxed and bellowed wearily. The Tories' Norman Lamont ducked and weaved, but to what purpose? A touch of class, a whiff of hair-oil there's a "Hey Presto" feeling about Mr Lamont.

Mrs Gorman (C) from Billericay had urged him to get taxes down, Alan Howarth (C) from Stratfordupon-Avon, had urged him to put them up and the Opposition had urged him to resign. Eyelids drooped.

Then up sprang young Hendry, tail wagging, to praise the miracles wrought by Toyota in his county — in South Derbyshire (Mrs Currie), to be precise. The wonderful new car, he said, was called the Toyota Corolla, "but..." (Mr Hendry paused proudly on the threshold of the soundbite he had pol-

ished all day) "... in view of ished all day) "... in view of all the help and support she has given, it should be called the Toyota Edwina."

Mrs. Currie's gleaming grille, always wide, grinned wider yet as colleagues cooed appreciation of the marvel of British engineering we call

And the House was transformed. I spent the rest of the day seeing MPs as cars: 651 hot-rods, bangers, classics, crocks and veterans. Here was a whole motor-show of them, honking, revving and phut-phutting around their gothic garage at West-

For what is our Chancellor but a tarnished Lamont De Lorean: packed with girn-mickry, but will it start? What was Gordon Brown but a battering bull-nosed Morris with defective silencers? And once you have seen John Smith (up the motorway in Edinburgh yesterday) as one of the fine old Rover 90s of my youth, how else can you see him? Ouiet. heavy, dependable: a poor man's Rolls-Royce, but 0-60

John Major reminds us of

those modern family saloons launched by the British Motor Corporation in the 1960s. They were going to be reliable if unspectacular. but there were early, worrying signs of rust and strange knocking sounds from under

My daydream was dis-turbed by an angry splutter from Dennis Skinner: surely one for the stock-car races. built to crash, programmed to lurch from its lane and smash up other vehicles? Up jumped the quick-witted young chief secretary, a Lotus Portillo of a politician. and, to a roar from the Tory crowds behind, swept round the tight bend of a difficult question. Without notes, he fired off a list of successful British businesses, at break-

ime passed and in came L the House Leader, Tony Newton, to field prime minister's questions. But who was this, brrm-brrming extravagantly and doing a wheelie along the Labour backbenches with his jest about Newton being a dud

It was Tony Banks, the Newham Capri sporty, a potential performer were not the effect spoiled by the joke rubber fingers trapped in door, the furry dice, the simulated machinegun ack-ack hooter, the doll in the back window that pulls its pants down when you brake, and the bumper sticker which reads: "MPs do it standing up."

Mr Newton himself has

greatly improved at the dispatch box, mostly by dint of trying hard. A slight, naturally timid figure, he has programmed himself to swagger, belt it out, and push himself to the limit.

pressive but strangely unsta-ble. Like a Mini customised with a Sierra Cosworth en-gine, you feel Mr Newton may spin out of control at any moment. Matched against Labour's deputy leader, Margaret Beckett, a trim pink Fiesta to Smith's old Rover 90, he survived.

Does it matter, though? Up in Edinburgh another motor show begins. There are flashy European makes: sophisticated Citroens, hot Italian hatchbacks, aggressive BMWs. Down in London, comfy in their green leather trim, the dear old Morrises, Austins and Humbers chug around Westminster. But can they



Difficult year: the Queen leaving an official visit yesterday to the new Charing Cross police station

MPs seek tougher sanctions against intrusion by media

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

A COMMITTEE of MPs made clear yesterday that it wanted tougher sanctions against journalists who invade privacy, and that it held newspapers responsible for undermining the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

During its enquiry into media intrusion and privacy, the national heritage committee has repeatedly complained The performance is imthat some newspapers are breaking the Press Com-plaints Commission's code of conduct, and that self-regulation is not working.

James Bishop and Michael
Unger from the Association of

British Editors defended media coverage of the royal family, although they admit-ted that some journalists had breached the code of conduct on press intrusion. They pointed out that reports of the couple's relationship were ultimately true and, as they concerned the heir to the throne,

were in the public interest. A group of national newspaper editors will give evidence next week to a second Commons committee investigating the press, set up by Clive Soley, the Labour MP for Hammersmith. Their two reports, and the was more anxious about intru-

anger among some MPs at coverage of the royal family, sions into the privacy of priwill put pressure on Sir David Calcutt QC to recommend statutory regulation when he completes his review on the press next year. At yesterday's hearing, Mr Bishop, editor-inchief of the Illustrated London News, said that the decision of the Prince and Princess of Wales not to seek injunctions or existing legal restraints had rather encouraged excesses" by some journalists.

John Maxion, Labour MP for Cathcart, was the only MP on the Tory-dominated committee to support media cover age of the royal family. He argued that it was considerably better than the ludicrous. unctuous and reverential coverage of the past when British newspapers did not publish stories about King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson in the 1930s. The public had had to read about the relationship in the French press.

In a plea to the committee Mr Bishop urged MPs: "Leave well alone at this stage and let us get on with our job. Mr Kaufman made dear he

vate individuals rather than the royal family, who enjoyed some protection. Mr Bishop said: "What's been happening in the past few months was started not by the press but by a book that could only have been published by the fact that one of the parties involved gave infor-

mation to the author." Giving evidence to the committee, Jill Saward, the Ealing vicarage rape victim, said she believed the press had a legitimate interest in reporting the crime. But the intrusion into her privacy was too great. Explaining why she wrote a book, serialised in the press, she said: "I wanted to educate people on how victims suffer because nobody had that information when I was raped."

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Christmas broadcast adds to the strain

By Alan Hamilton

THIS year's Christmas broad- family, I shall try to serve you cast by the Queen will be one of the most difficult she has made in her 40-year reign. Already in preparation, but as yet unrecorded, her brief message of goodwill will be scrutinised for clues to her innermost feelings on her selfconfessed annus horribilis.

long way since King George interrupted his Christmas day lunch at Sandringham in 1932 and, with a degree of self-confessed trepidation, adjourned briefly to his study where the deferential engineers of the BBC had concealed two microphones in mahogany cases. He barked a brief and gruff message of good cheer to the empire, and

returned to his pudding.
These days, the Christmas broadcast, delivered with equal trepidation by the Queen to a camera loaded with videotane, is scanned for meaning. The monarch does not grant interviews, but can take her occasional opportunity when staring into the camera lens to send coded

signals.
The Queen, in a review of world events during her reign, remarked last year: "I feel the same obligation to you that I felt in 1952. With your prayers, and your help, and with in the years to come." The message was clear: specula-tion that she might abdicate in favour of her son was wrong.
She faces the enormous

problem this year of acknowldisasters, from the divorce of her daughter, the separation of her first and second sons from their wives, and the conflagration at her favourite official residence, while at the same time delivering the message that the royal train. having lost a wheel or two, is still on the rails.

Viewers around the world will be looking for a barelyconcealed message that, for all the ill winds that have blown its way in the past 12 months, the crown is not yet ready to be plucked down. Christmas broadcasts have

become a combination of a a brief family introspection. Her Majesty's script this year, as always, will be largely her own work, with the help of Sir Robert Fellowes, her private secretary, and Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster charged with producing the brief programme shown around the Commonwealth. Her remarks will be analysed in the greatest depth for any

Princess may not attend wedding

were no longer separated. It is technically possible, but whether practical or acceptable to the nation is another question. I thought they made a great mistake mentioning it at all," Lord Henderson said. Tory MPs were also further irritated to learn of Downing Street's disclosure that the timing of the announcement, which forced Mr Major to interrupt critical last-minate, preparations for the Editaburgh summit, was dictated by Buckingham Palace. Some Tories said they believed that the princess had forced that the princess had forced the issue, and one well-connected former cabinet minister s that he suspected that she hi insisted on the prime minist telling MPs there was ne reason why she should not crowned queen.

However, others said it the fear of a leak to the pr that had ensured that announcement was m wiftly after the decision separate. The palace stuck its guns, dismissing as "of plete nonsense" reports the announcement, origin planned for January, been brought forward beca the Sunday Mirror was at to break the story.

Some Conservative () took a more relaxed view ministers about acces convinced that the debate largely academic as the pri and princess would all certainly divorce before question arose. Down Street officials also sough draw a distinction between prime minister's statemen which he had set out the constitutional position. what might happen in it

ly putting out this messa Westminster, it was said as long as the royal co remained man and wife. princess would become du when the prince succeeded in mother. She would be entitle to be addressed as queen, but it would be up to the new king to decide whether she should be crowned with pomp.

Some Tories said that such scenario would be a traves and a national embarras ment which would not be tolerated by the people. Others said it would be impossible for the princess to become queen unless there was a reconcilia

tion between the two. versy took wing, the prince and princess went about their separate businesses yesterd she making a speech at lunch given by the Head National Head Injuries ciation, and he delving do sewer in east London visiting Thames Water. T couple came together yest day evening as joint hosts as Christmas party for workers their various charities.

the love and support of my 'As Kylie left Neighbours, so Di has quit the royal



By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE world responded with a mixture of sadness and fascination to news of the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The story made the headlines everywhere, even in Africa, but many newspaper and television commentaries regarded the announcement as simply another episode in a television melodrama.

"Look, it's a soap opera for us," the Sydney writer Jenny Ezzy said. "As Kylie left Neighbours, so Di has finally quit

the royal family." In Australia, the royal family enjoys a cult following that transcends both anti-British and republican sentiments. republicans including David Williamson, the country's leading playwright, joined

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their monarchist rivals in expressing sadness for the separated couple. But constitutional experts said that the prince and princess would still become King and Queen of Australia. The American tabloids, no

less than their British cousins, took the opportunity for some inventive front-page head-lines. "Royal Flush" announced the New York Daily News, "Splitting Heirs" said The Post, "11 years, 4 months, 1 week, 4 days" the New York Newsday dourly reported. The Wall Street Journal, however. devoted exactly 50 words to the "widely expected" news in

a single paragraph at the bottom of page one.

The usually staid New York Times ran excitable news of the royal separation across its front page, and doubted whether the "ancient protocols and traditions of the monarchy can accommodate the tricky conventions of marriage and family in the 1990s. The paper also asked what is, for many Americans, a more interesting question: "Will the Prince and Princess be able to

date other people?"

An editorial inside reminisced about the royal wedding. "The music was swell, St Paul's Cathedral never looked

kind of wedding that even money can't buy," the editorial said. In a country where money can buy everything, that means a great deal. As ever America's sympa-

thies are firmly with the princess, who is consistently portrayed, to quote one of yesterday's radio reports, as "the public's darling who mainto a confident woman". One television announcer, grinning broadly, declared: "The fairy tale romance is over, without a happy ending."

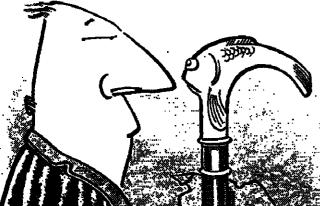
In Europe, where the tem-pestuous details of the recent royal entanglements have been followed with equal fascination, the reaction was one of shock but not surprise. "Charles and Di — What a cold end. How could it come to

this?" asked Bild. Gern mass-circulation tabloid: Italian newspapers spe ed that the separation; herald the end of the m chy. The Crown trem said Il Messaggero of Ro its frontpage headline. In France, after st

broadcast word of Mr M imminent statement, workers gathered a radio sets. On Wedne evening, French corre-dents in London were s

ing the "surprise", " and "sadness" in Britain In the Common countries whose leaders informed before the nouncement, the reaction more sombre. Muhan Abuvakar, acting high missioner for Nigeria, sa

is very sad and I am very about it."



STICK WITH A FISH ON THE END OF IT. Plainly cups will be overflowing this Christmas. Ornamental canes collapsible shaving mirrors, festive nightshirts and 'St George' nickel plated

armbands. All from Simpson Piccadilly. Where else? Simpson Piccadilly is just

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'The same issues will have to be settled as in any other separation but confidentiality is paramount'

Little-known divorce lawyer guides the princess

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales will see London's most eminent matrimonial lawyers lock horns with a solicitor who is almost unknown outside the London divorce lawyers' circuit.

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Paul Butner, divorce partner at the small eight-partner Grays Inn firm Wright Son & Pepper, has landed the most high-profile job of any matri-monial lawyer's career in negotiating the Princess of Wales's life apart from the heir

to the throne.

He finds hirrself facing Sir
Matthew Farrer, the Queen's
solicitor, and assistants from the top-drawer matrimonial firm Farrer & Co, who acted in the separations and divorces of the Princess Royal and Cap-tain Mark Phillips and be-tween Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon. Lord Good-man, another legal establish-ment figure, is also thought to have been involved in advising

the prince in recent weeks. Yesterday, Wright Son & Pepper confirmed that Mr Butner, 55, was acting for the princess but would make no further comment. It is believed that a friend recommended the firm to the princess, who reportedly made her contacts with the firm under the alias of Mrs Walsh. Another divorce lawyer said: "The firm is not known as a premier-league matrimonial firm but he personally is an excellent, experi-enced lawyer who has built up a very good reputation in this

Mr Butner is thought to have had several meetings over the past few weeks with the princess, at various venues including Kensington Palace. Recently remarried himself and a father of two, Mr Butner is known as a tough and skilful operator with wide experience in litigation and

The negotiations, which are underway, could be settled within weeks if there is no disagreement, or run into yers said that the same issues would have to be settled as with any other couple, but because of the public spotlight. the need for confidentiality and discretion was "a thou-

sand times greater". Douglas Alexiou, of the well-known matrimonial firm Gordon Dadds, said: "In the case of separation, couples usually like to have a written document, but it is not neces

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Goodman: thought to advise the prince

By Ian Murray

THE Prince and Princess of

Wales are expected to throw

themselves more wholeheart-

edly than ever into their chari-

ty and other work in the wake

of their formal separation.

The separation will not lessen the dedication of the **Prince and Princess**

are doing," said a spokes-

of Wales to their

chosen causes As proof of their commitment to ensuring that royal business continues as usual. months ago, was first on the both fulfilled long-standing telephone to his office yesterengagements yesterday. On day morning to confirm that Wednesday, even as the he would be handing out House of Commons was lisprizes to resourceful pensiontening to Buckingham Palers from all over the country who had been proving that ace's statement about the separation, the princess's prisenior citizens can contribute vate office was faxing a letter to the community. "It is very to most of the 115 organgood for our profile to have isations with which she is him associated with what we associated, promising her con-

tinued interest and support. woman. The prince, who is linked to Jonathon Porritt, the envi-431 different organisations, ronmental campaigner who did not send a similar letter, advises the prince, predicted but his staff spent yesterday on Radio 4's The World at reassuring everyone who called that he would honour One yesterday that the separation would give the prince a new sense of confidence and all engagements. "There was never any question of him cutting anything out so there optimism. "I think inevitably that there will be, on top of the sadness, a sense of relief that was no need to send a letter." a Buckingham Palace spokeshe can concentrate on the causes that he cares so passion-

Age Resource, which the prince joined as president 18 ately about, whether it is to do

sary. I would not expect a formal document in this case, although probably what has been agreed will be written down, perhaps in correspondence."

The issues would embrace the financial arrangements, including the outgoings on Kensington Palace, an allowance for the princess and children, the payment of school fees and possibly whether a trust would be set up for the children he set up for the children, he said.

which in this case would be unlimited. "Arrangements will be made to enable the princess to live with the dignity that befits her station in life,"

royal couple and that for most other people is that there is no need to sell the family home to provide for a second house. To a large extent, the financial arrangements are already in ance enjoyed by the princess, and the payment of the children's schooling.

Last year, the prince took £2.5 million from the Duchy of Cornwall and gave 25 per cent of it in lieu of tax to the Exchequer. This covered the running costs of the couple's homes and their living ex-penses. With profits from the Duchy rising, this looks likely to continue to provide amply for their financial needs, whether together or not. Nei-ther has any income from the

The only change to the present arrangements would come if they were to divorce and either party remarry. If the prince remarried, he would still have to provide for his former wife. If she remarried, he would continue to provide for the children but. depending on the wealth of his contribution would be reassessed. It is likely that a divorce settlement would include a large lump sum payment adequate to provide the princess with an income for

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Royal patrons will not lessen

There would also be the question of where the children would live and contact with the children by their father,

The main difference between the separation of the place, such as the running of Kensington Palace, the allow-

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"I know there will be a renewed sense of purpose in him at the prospect of being able to do that without some of the diversions that he has had to put up with over the last few

"One of the things that has been apparent for some years has been the extent of frustration in the household which has had a detrimental effect. Things have clearly been playing second fiddle to speculation about his marriage. It is understandable, but it is terribly frustrating." Mr Porrist There is considerable relief

among the charities connected with the princess that she is determined to go on working for them. Their views were summed up by Zelda West Meads of Relate, the marriage guidance charity, of which the princess became the first patron four years ago. "Her fund raising is invaluable, but even more valuable to us is her dedication. The amount we raise is more than double what



was greeted yesterday by Lord Healey, right, and Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, who were dressed as Santa Claus, at her first official engagement since the announcement of her separation from her husband (Julia Llewellyn Smith writes). Pleas for press restraint were ignored when

more than 100 photographers from around the world perched on ladders and jostled for her attention as she arrived at the London Hilton hotel for the Christmas lunch of Headway, the National Head Injuries Association, of which she is patron. Usually, only a dozen photographers would have been at such an engagement. Dressed in a

slightly tense but composed, and refused to look at the cameras as she entered the hotel. She laughed as she met Lord Healey and Lord Archer. The princess made a speech, in which she did not refer to her separation, present-ed prizes to two children and received a standing ovation.

It is true that when ordinary people

refer to Greek antiquity, they usually have

in mind ancient cities that had played an

important role in the growth of civiliza-

tion from prehistorical up to the classical

period. Among them, Athens, Thebes,

Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and other city-

states of the southern part of Greece, the

Aegean islands, Crete, Cyprus, west Asia

Minor and even south of Italy, the very

well known "Magna Grecia" are among the prevailing ones. On the contrary Macedonia's history comes into existence

since the glorious reign of King Philip, his

son Alexander the Great, and his generals who ruled over the remains of the late

Persian empire, creating the very well

known and so important Greek centers of

civilization of Alexandria, Pergamos,

Antioch of Messopotamia. Nevertheless,

Macedonia's previous history remains

Two courts emerge at Highgrove and Kensington

By Alan Hamilton

THE spectre of a separated king and queen riding to their coronation in different carriages was being demolished by constitutionalists yesterday, but the fact remains that the Prince and Princess of Wales will inevitably set up two courts, with distinct circles of

advisers and friends.
Their public lives will be run by much the same team as manned their joint office at St James's Palace, where staff have for several years struggled to avoid splitting into separate camps. Commander Richard Aylard, private secre-tary and treasurer to the Prince of Wales and effective chef de bureau, will continue to run the prince's office. Patrick Jephson, like Commander Aylard a former naval commission, will continue as private secretary to the prin-cess, but with an increased workload.

Other senior staff members appear more wedded to the prince than to the princess. Peter Westmacott, the deputy private secretary, has organised all their foreign tours. Hugh Merrill, the assistant secretary, looks after the Prince's Trust and all the prince's other charitable and business interests. Belinda Harley, the former public relations consultant who joined the office last year, oversees his arts and medicine interests. All are likely to remain on the prince's side. The princess may well find herself with much the slimmer backup staff.

But it is at Kensington Palace and Highgrove that the separate courts will emerge. The prince has few close friends outside his family, but he will find shoulders to lean on among his old and close friends such as Nicholas Soames MP, the architect Leon Krier, and the Canadian polo-playing mil-lionaire Garfield Weston. His circle also encompasses the

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many architectural and environmental gurus he has gath-

ered about him. For more personal support he will find sympathetic ears in Lord and Lady Romsey, the inheritors of the Mountbatten estate, and King Constantine. the former monarch of Greece. The prince is generally perceived as a man of many

acquaintances but few friends. The princess's court, centred on her apartments at Kensington Palace, will be more downto-earth, more gossipy, more human and much more fe-male-oriented. Her former lady-in-waiting. Beckwith-Smith, remains a confidante, as does her coterio of ladies-in-waiting, who in-clude Laura Lonsdale, Mrs Max Pike, Viscountess Campden, the Hon Mrs Vivian Baring, and Alexandra Lloyd, daughter of the Queen's former land agent at Sandringham. Most of the princess's inner circle have some connection with aristocracy or reasonably old money.

but none has real power.

Her other friends include
Kate Menzies, of the wealthy Scottish newsagents' family, and Sarah Lindsay, widow of the palace equerry Major Hugh Lindsay, killed in a skiing accident at Klosters in March 1988.

Behind the scenes there lurks her favourite court jester. Sir James Savile. princess's court will be lively. but distinctly lightweight.
One of her closest friends is

Carolyn Bartholomew - her former flatmate Carolyn Pride who was disclosed as one of the principal sources for Andrew Morton's controversial and heavily one-sided account of the princess's private life. Diana: Her True Story. Mrs Bartholomew is said to have co-operated with Mr Morton to send a message to the wider world that many of the princess's problems stemmed from bulimia nervosa, the eating disorder.

Britons lose faith in future of monarchy

By Alan Hamilton

OPINION polls have tended to show a declining support for the monarchy in recent years, and a diminishing be-lief that the institution will last for ever.

Mori, which conducts polls for The Times and The Sunday Times, has been asking the public at regular intervals whether it thought Britain would be worse off without a monarchy. When the question was asked in 1984, 77 per cent thought the country would be worse off; by 1987 the figure had declined to 73 per cent, by 1989 to 58 per cent, and by May of this year to a mere 50 per cent.

Asked whether they thought Britain would still have a monarchy in ten years, 95 per cent of respondents in 1990 thought we would, but by this year that proportion of believ-ers had fallen to 85 per cent. As for those who thought we

would still retain a monarchy a century from now, the figure of 49 per cent in 1990 had fallen to 29 per cent by this year. Robert Worcester of Mori said yesterday that opinion poll data tended to contra-dict the stereotype of the ardent royalist as a middleaged working-class woman. More men than women

thought the monarchy would survive for at least 50 years, as did more young people than pensioners. Middle-class respondents believed more firmly in the institution's survival than did working-class respondents. In the most recent survey,

57 per cent of the middle-class respondents thought that the country would be worse off without a monarchy, compared with 45 per cent of working-class respondents. But 38 per cent of young people thought the country would be worse off without a monarchy, compared with 62 per cent of older respondents. "The data tend to suggest that the traditional supporter of monarchy is younger and more affluent than is generally

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quite obscure to common people. believed," Mr Worcester said. However, archaeological excavations during the last twenty years brought to light hundreds of ancient Greek cities, temples, palaces, theaters and tombs, one Saturday Review of which is the famous tomb of King Philip, and treasures of an exquisite workmanship and design. Chronologically, they cover the most important periods of the Greek history from the Mycenaean up to the classical times. Their number increases in such a manner, that in the years to come, they will very probably exceed those of the southern part of the country, which was wrongly considered to constitute the main

Macedonia.

The bronze crater of Derveni

body of Greek antiquity. Therefore, when

talking of ancient Greece, one must have in

mind its northern part as well, i.e.

Amongst the most important finds are the bronze crater and several other bronze vases with an attractive golden appearance. They were discovered near Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia in 1969. They are ascribed to the 4th century B.C., a period during which metal working technique in Greece had reached an amazingly righ standard of perfection.

The large crater, a unique masterpiece of ancient Greek art and technology, has a 90 cm height . and an approximate mass of 40 kg. The base, the four statuettes, which lie on the crater's shoulder, and the two heavy handles are cast, while the whole main body with the fine relief decorations

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Its golden colour, which led archaeologists to believe that it was gold plated, is due to an unusual high tin content (15%). It is surprising how ancient Greeks had shaped the hard copper - tin alloy into such a large vase and, what is more, they had decorated its main body with high

relief decorations. On the other hand, X-ray investigation led to the unexpected conclusion that this huge crater was from bottom to the middle of its neck a one piece vase. At this point exists the sole welding zone between the main body and the upper part of the crater. Just above the welding point some small size wild animals seem to walk on an irregular ground. In this way, the artist has actually succeeded in hiding the rather rough welding.

Macro and micro examination and experimental work showed that the crater would have been produced by forging, while the smaller bronze vases either by forging, or on the lathe or, finally by a

combination of both. In fact, some of the small vases show signs of spinning on the

The above study has largely contributed in assessing the achievements realized by ancient Greeks in Macedonia during the 4th century B.C., and has led to the conclusion that throughout this period Greek art and technology had actually reached a climax of perfection and, what is more, Macedonia the new Greek super power that had succeeded Athens after its decline constituted part of the ancient Greek world and a continua-

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Duke's blood helps prove Russian bones are tsar

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A BLOOD sample from the Office Forensic Science Ser-Duke of Edinburgh has provided evidence that five skeletons dug up from a pit in eastern Russa last year are almost certainly those of the Russian imperial family, mur-dered by Bolsheviks in 1918.

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Tests at the Home Office forensic science laboratory at Aldermaston have found that DNA from Prince Philip matches that from a skeleton believed to be Tsarina Alexandra, whose sister Princess Victoria of Hesse was his maternal grandmother,

Prince Philip was the first living relative of the Romanovs to provide a sample for

DNA analysis.
The results of the tests on samples of DNA extracted from the bones go a long way towards confirming that these are the last mortal remains of Russia's imperial house, as earlier circumstantial evidence had suggested. Certainty will depend on further tests being made on living relatives.

The results are a triumph for the latest methods of DNA analysis. Dr Janet Thompson, director-general of the Home

vice, said yesterday: "It is a great compliment to the work of our forensic scientists that we are Russia's preferred

The family was shot by Bolsheviks at a house in Ekaterinburg on July 17, - 1918, with their doctor and three servants. Their bodies were taken away with the intention of burning them and destroying the evidence. In the event, only two bodies were burnt, according to historical accounts, those of the tsar's heir, Alexei, and his youngest daughter, Anastasia. The rest were buried in a pit.

Bones from the skeletons were brought to Britain three months ago by Dr Pavel Ivanov, a Russian forensic scientist. At Aldermaston, a team led by Dr Peter Gill began the task of extracting tiny fragments of DNA from the bones, not certain that this would be possible or that it would prove anything.
The kind of DNA they were

looking for is mitochondrial DNA, far more plentiful in the cells than the chromosomal

DNA that determines inherited characteristics. This form of DNA passes down virtually unchanged through the maternal line. The scientists were able to extract minute quantities of the material and multiply it up using a technique called PCR.

The DNA was then sequenced, to discover the exact order of the four bases which make it up. No two unrelated individuals would be expected to share exactly the same sequence. The sequences from the bodies was compared, and the number of matches coincided with what was expected. The skeletons appear to be those of a family group and four unrelated individuals. In all, the group was consistent with accounts of the murders.

The next step was to compare the sequence believed to be from the tsarina with that of the Duke of Edinburgh. His grandmother would have shared the same mitochondrial DNA as the tsarina, which would then have passed down the maternal line through his

ple of hair believed to be from the head of Anna Andersen, the women who daimed to be Anastasia, which the team has mother, Princess Alice. The samples matched. No not yet tested.

perhaps thousands, to one.

possible reason for this is that

natural mutation of the DNA

over four generations, which is

known to happen, may have

upset the match. Alternatively,

the unnamed woman who

gave the sample may not be

to make certain of the relationships, and the team has more

descendants willing to provide

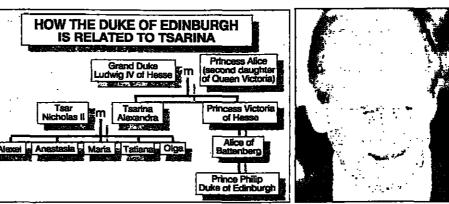
They also have a hair sam-

Further tests will be needed

related to the tsar.

calculation can yet be made of the chances of this match happening by chance, as too few mitochondrial DNA samples have ever been sequenced to know the degree of variation. But it is likely that the odds against a chance match are of the order of hundreds, The only setback so far has been the failure to match the DNA of the tsar with that of a sample given by a descendant on his mother's side. The two should match, but do not. One

Royal link: Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra, great aunt of Prince Philip



Rebel MPs threaten lottery bill

By Alison Roberts

THE revolt against the national lottery bill, led by the football pools companies who fear revenue and job losses, is

growing. Nearly 100 MPs have signed an early day motion demanding concessions for the pools companies, and will vote against the bill, published early next week, if these are not included.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, met representatives from the pools companies earlier this week, but provided little comfort for the industry, which expects to lose up to 6,500 jobs unless it is allowed the same marketing opportu-nities granted to the lottery. David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP for Mossley Hill, one of the six cross-party sponsors of the early day motion, said that those MPs prepared to vote against the bill included normally stalwart government

The lottery could raise £5.5 billion a year for arts, sport, the millennium fund, heritage and charities.

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Doctors ignored dying patient

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN lay dying from lung cancer in a hospital ward for six days without being visited by a doctor able to discuss her condition or tell her what was wrong, an investigation by the health service ombudsman has disclosed.

Despite repeated requests from her husband, who was constantly at her bedside, the couple were ignored by medical staff from the night of the woman's admission until a few hours before she died almost a week later.

The case, one of 16 published yesterday, "illustrates in worrying detail how important it is for staff to take effective action when a patient or next of kin asks to see a doctor about the diagnosis or treatment", William Reid, the ombudsman, says.

Nurses had contacted the junior doctor several times but he had found the persistent requests annoying and had tended to "blank them out". The couple were fobbed off with excuses such as that the doctor was too busy or was admitting new patients or that the consultant visited the ward only twice a week.

On the sixth day, when the consultant visited the woman on his ward round, he told her husband not to look so worried and that he hoped she would be able to go home in a few days, but said nothing about the diagnosis or treatment. She died that night.

The ombudsman concluded that the junior doctor's attitude and behaviour were wholly unacceptable and the consultant's supervision of him ineffectual. Consultants should be reminded of their reponsibilities for training and directing the work of their junior staff, he says.

Law lords are warned about libel gag effect

By Richard Ford

LOCAL newspapers would be hit much harder than the national media if councils were allowed to sue for libel, the law lords were told yesterday. The threat of a writ before an article was published would have a "chilling effect" on freedom of expression, particularly in small newspapers reporting council affairs. Desmond Browne QC is

representing Times Newspapers, which is contesting an appeal by Derbyshire County Council against an appeal court judgment that local au-thorities and government departments do not have the right to sue for libel. The case arises from two reports in The Sunday Times criticising the council's pension fund dealings.

Mr Browne told the appellate committee of the House of Lords that unlike Times Newspapers, which was a large profitable national newspaper group, many local newspapers lacked the resources to fund lengthy and expensive libel actions. He said that the issuing of a writ would have a gagging effect and was seen as a deterrent by even large media organisations. "The law which you will have to write applies not just to the barons of Wapping but also to the village barons."

Charles Gray QC, for Der-byshire County Council, said that if the Court of Appeal judgment was upheld, news-papers would have a field day at the expense of those admin-istering local affairs.

He told the final day of the hearing that upholding the ban would stop a local authority from protecting its reput ation, however serious the libel or damaging the attack. A judgment in the case, which has legal and constitutional implications, is expected in the

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Anglo-Saxon reading aid fetches £41,800

By Sarah Jane Checkland art market correspondent

A TINY Anglo-Saxon jewel discovered by a beachcomber in Dorset sold for £41,800 at Sotheby's yesterday.

It was discovered by Ber-

nard Yarosz, a former American air force man, who was using a metal detector on Bowleaze beach. Dorset. He and his wife deduced it was a pointer used to guide readers of medieval manuscripts along the lines without smudging the copy. The couple concluded that their gadget had belonged to King Alfred.

The local coroner's court decided the jewel was not treasure trove and was therefore Mr Yarosz's to sell; the receiver of wrecks concluded that it could not have come from a shipwreck, and he therefore had no claim; but Weymouth and Portland council did stake a claim, because it was found on its land. One councillor even pronounced that the community charge bill would be reduced as a result of the expected windfall. As the dis-



Pointer to the past the manuscript marker

pute dragged on for more than two years, Mr Yarosz said he wished that he had thrown the jewel back into the sea on finding it.

Two months ago, the local council reluctantly dropped its claim to ownership. According to Laurence Keen, Dotset county archaeologist, the jewel had nothing to do with King Alfred aithough it is of the

correct period.

□ A 1931 Rolls-Royce built for Charlie Chaplin sold for £82,000 at Coys of Kensington on Wednesday night.

ENTS

Ten injured by IRA bombs at London shopping centre

SUBURBAN Christmas shoppers yesterday became the latest target for the IRA's intensified mainland campaign as two hidden bombs exploded outside one of London's largest centres while police were trying to clear the

Ten people, including four police officers, were treated in hospital when the small devices exploded after being hidden in rubbish bins on the main street outside Wood Green Shopping City near Tottenham, north London. None of the injured, who included a 19-year-old constable who had started on the streets on Monday, were said to be badly hurt.

Another six officers were treated for shock at a police station. They included WPC Helen Barnett and WPC Jenny Lawson who were seriously injured a year ago with other officers tackling a violent man armed with a knife close to the scene of yesterday's blasts.

Scotland Yard said three warning calls with a recognised code word were received by police at 9.15am, 9.16am

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

were blown on to the shopping

Lorraine Taylor, a shop assistant aged 27, was injured slightly in the blast and later

described how little time people had to escape. "We all

started to leave the building when we heard the warning

over the Tannoy. But seconds

later, as I rushed down the

stairs, the first bomb went off. "I froze when I heard the

blast. People were screaming

and outside I could see a police

officer lying on the floor. My

first thoughts were just to get out. Then suddenly the second

bomb went off. People were

rushing everywhere."Staff at

centre's walkway.

and 9.18am. The first claimed that bombs would explode in 20 minutes. The other two calls claimed the bombs would go off in 25 minutes. The police said locations given for the bombs were vague.

Police began clearing the area but there was no time to move people who live above the complex. As police were searching, the first bomb exploded in a litter bin at 9.30am outside a branch of W. H. Smith. Five minutes later, a second bomb exploded near a branch of Argos. Electrical equipment from the store was scattered among shards of glass. The metal

are other than abhorrent."

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, will remain a legal organisation in spite of its support for violence, the government confirmed yesterday (Edward Gorman writes). In a letter to Peter Robinson, MP for East Belfast, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, said he did not believe that Sinn Fein was an organisation "actively and primarily involved in terrorism". He said that he was not prepared to proscribe Sinn Fein simply because of its advocacy of violence. "That is not to say that its supportive views of the legitimacy of violence and its consequent failure to condemn the activities of the IRA

other shops also complained about how little time they had door frames of W. H Smith to get clear, but last night a police spokesman pointed out the warnings were not de-tailed, there was little time and police had already cleared some areas when the bombs exploded.

The bombings follow another small bomb discovered on Wednesday night in a van outside Woodside Park Underground station in north London, suggesting that one IRA active service unit may now be intent on launching small but effective attacks in the run-up to Christmas. The IRA has threatened to

step up its mainland efforts as Christmas approaches. The devices this week may be the work of a group working separately from the team in-volved in the three recent attempts to ignite one-tonne van bombs in central London. ☐ The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters yesterday admitted it planted a series of fire bombs in the Irish Republic on Wednesday, some of which exploded, causing minor



Shopping chaos: shards of glass from a store front litter the street after bombs exploded in Wood Green

Due to a clerical error,

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without my ever seeing it. Or at least I can't remember seeing it. (Anyway, I probably had more important things to do at the time.)

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> Industries? I'll tell you why, because nobody else had a clue either.

Not even old 🛲 company chairman.

He's the one who rushed out the press release about the new device giving full technical details and a

The idea was to get the forthcoming stockholders meeting off on a high note, which it did.

They were shricking for his resignation.

He'd made the invention public before filing for a patent, a move which resulted in the

In fact, one of our rivals, already testing prototypes of a device almost identical to the one we spent years and million developing, and there's nothing we

application being rejected.

can do about it. It seems i - or rather we've thrown away a 20 year monopoly on a product an estimated £37 million, excluding

Oh, we've discovered lots of fascinating information since becoming "Patent aware".

For instance, before starting any new project it's a good idea to find out what has already been achieved in that area through the Patent Office Search and Advisory Service.

Apparently an estimated 30% of all the money spent on R&D is wasted on trying to re-

(One Japanese company employs 150 people, full time, just to examine other people's patents.

On a brighter note, it transpires that losing £37 million isn't unusual. In recent years other British companies have thrown away discoverles worth literally billions of pounds



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Bottomley to speed hospital closures

Health ministers are determined to press ahead quickly with proposals to close many of London's top hospitals next year despite growing opposition from the medical profession (Jill Sherman writes)

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is expected next month to back a programme of closures similar to those recommended in the Tomlinson report. She has secured enough money to implement some of the plans next year and is adamant that the closures go ahead before. the idea loses momentum.

Mrs Bottomley is unmoved by the vociferous opposition to the closure of St Bartholomew's Hospital, which was marked by a lobby at Downing Street yesterday. But one ministerial source ventured yesterday that she might have to save Bart's as the price to pay for implementing the rest of the plans, which comprise closures or mergers of up to 15 hospitals. Mrs Bottomley believes that they could be phased over five years.

Drug gang jailed

racket were jailed yesterday. Frankie Sims, 54, of Basildon Essex, the gang leader, was jailed for 11 years. Daniel Howard, 42, of Sandy, Bedfordshire, and Michael Butler, 28, of Wood Green, north London, were sentenced to ten years each. Eleven other men were also sentenced to between two years and eight years by Wood Green Crown Court. The gang set up two factories capable of manufacturing amphetamines worth £4.8 million a week.

Football chief freed

A 12-month jail sentence on the former chairman of Swindon Town Football Club was halved vesterday. allowing him to be freed. The Court of Appeal rejected a challenge by Brian Hillier, right, to his conviction for his part in a tax fiddle involving under-thecounter payments to players — alleged to be around £40,000 — but ruled that the sentence was unnecessarily severe.



Journalist fights for job

A television journalist was fired after wild outbursts at colleagues, an industrial tribunal in London was told yesterday. Audrey Purdie, 39, news editor at Worldwide Television News in Camden, north London, the employers of John McCarthy, even dampened celebrations when the former hostage was freed with her aggressive attitude, it was said. She quit when given the choice to accept demotion or leave. Mrs Purdie, of Dulwich Village, claims unfair dismissal. The hearing continues.

Alcoholic abused priest

An Irish woman has been sentenced to two months in prison in co. Galway under an English act of parliament, introduced during British rule, for shouting abuse at a priest. The defendant, 40, and single, was charged under the 1860 Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act with disquieting a preacher and violent behaviour at Kilconly church during Sunday mass. She faces prison as soon as she leaves hospital where she is being treated for alcohol abuse. Her solicitor intends to appeal.

Teacher loses case

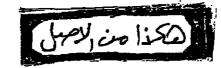
A teacher sacked for slapping a pupil and leaving a laboratory unsupervised after burning his hand on a pair of forceps lost his case for unfair dismissal yesterday. Robert Harrison, 59, hit the boy of 14 who had heated the implement at Beaumont School in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Bedford Industrial Tribunal endorsed his dismissal

Homes racket enquiry

Charges that "insider rings" of solicitors and estate agents are manipulating the market in repossessed houses are being investigated, the government said yesterday. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of fair trading, has begun enquiries that could result in people being banned from engaging in estate agency work.

Supermarkets accused

Several big supermarkets in Yorkshire and Humberside face prosecution after allegedly selling pieces of fat at the same price as the joints of meat with which they were packed. In one case the added fat made up more than a quarter of the total weight. Trading standards officers condemned the practice as grossly misleading.



The way it isn't



another instalment from the seasonal round-robin I've been sent by my dear American friends Al and Sally du Lally. Today: their daughter Jilly's out-standing achievements at school over the past

year:
"In the spring Jilly achieved the highest marks of the ENTIRE CLASS of 11-year-olds, a cause for double celebrations, as the news came just before her sixteenth birthday.

"Her cookery teacher tells us she is also coming along nicely in the kitchen, though happily the upsetting incident with the rock cake in May soon blew over, and we are thrilled to say they are expecting young Jeanie Simpson out of hospital some time early

in the new year.
"In August, Jilly thoroughly enjoyed herself at summer camp, coura-geously overcoming her fear of water by stripping off all her garments and throwing herself into the lake each morning. She tells us the Sea Scouts were so impressed by her pluck they lined up at the lakeside every morning just to cheer her!

"And she landed the big role in the end-ofcamp theater production put on by the kids themselves, playing the part of the grand old English aristocrat. Lady Godiva. Sadly, she didn't let on to us about it until it was over, but then that's Jilly: always too modest by

"Thankfully, Jilly has avoided the anorexia that can afflict girls of her age. In fact, she has been 'filling out' nicely. particularly around the waist. This is great news, as a few months ago she was looking a little peaky in the mornings! Cheers.

Next week: Super news about Granny du Laily!

Appeal judges free Cardiff Three over police conduct

By LIN JENKINS

THREE men jailed for life for the murder of a prostitute were freed by the Court of

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Appeal yesterday to cheers from their supporters.

The ruling followed a concession by the prosecution that the convictions of Stephen Miller, Tony Paris and Yusef Abdullahi, known as the Cardiff Three, were "unsafe and unsatisfactory" because of the appeal judges' opinion that recorded police interviews of Mr Miller should not have been put before the jury. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr justice. Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Laws, said the judges were horrified by the tape recordings of the police con-duct during the interviews.

The case, the latest in a series of miscarriages of justice, will fuel criticism of police behaviour and the criminal justice system. Since the free-ing of the Guildford Four just over three years ago, more than 40 people have had their convictions quashed.

Michael Mansfield QC, for Mr Miller, had argued that Mr Miller, had argued that the trial judge had been wrong to admit the evidence of the police interviews since it was tainted by the oppressive conduct of the police officers, which amounted to "beating him over the head verbally". Mr Mansfield also argued that the main evidence against Mr Miller from two prosti-Mr Miller from two prosti-tutes was so shot through with lies and inconsistencies that it amounted to "almost no evidence at all".

The three men were convicted at Swansea Crown Court in November 1990 of the murder of Lynette White after Britain's longest murder trial. lasting 197 days. Supporters mounted a campaign immediately after their conviction and won the backing of Liberty, the pressure group for ustice reform.

death on St Valentine's day, 1988, in a seedy flat without running water or electricity in James Street, Cardiff, where she charged clients £10 a time. She had been stabbed more than 50 times. Her throat was cut through to the spine. She had been due to give evidence at the trial of a woman accused of trying to kill a prostitute.

Witnesses saw a dark-haired white man with cut hands and wearing blood-stained clothes outside the flat, and police issued a photofit. Ten months later, although the white man had not been eliminated from the enquiry, five black men were charged, among them the three cleared yesterday.

Mr Miller, Miss White's former boy friend, had an IQ of 75. During legal argument David Elfer QC, for the crown, agreed with Lord Taylor that Mr Miller denied the offence more than 300 times. Lord Taylor said: "If you go on asking somebody questions, and tell him he is going to sit there until he says what you want, there will come a time when most people will crack. Oppression may be of the obvious, crude variety or it

may be just by relentlessness. The judge said that Mr Miller was reduced to tears. yet there was no suggestion of the police asking: "Would you like a break?

Mr Elfer defended the police line of questioning but said that, if the court's view was that the Miller tapes should not have been admitted in evidence, he would not press the matter. Lord Taylor said it followed

that, if the Miller tapes should not have been admitted at the trial in which all three men were accused, none of the convictions could be upheld. Mr Miller said as he left the court: "Justice has been done. But many more innocent

Only 6% of UK box office takings are for home-grown films



Former glory: Kind Hearts and Coronets, starring Sir Alec Guinness, centre, was produced in 1949, halcyon days for British cinema

British film industry 'starved of funds and near collapse'

By Alison Roberts, arts reporter Most of the films last year

The British film industry

enjoyed halcyon years during the forties and fifties when

the studios at Ealing produced classics such as Whisky

Galore in 1949, Kind Hearts

and Coronets in 1949, and

The Ladykillers in 1955. In

the mid-eighties, big-budget

cinema films such as Gandhi,

The Killing Fields, Return of the Jedi and Superman III

Last year, British films cap-

tured just 6 per cent of the UK box office while American

films accounted for 84 per

cent. The top 20 films at the UK box office were headed by

Robin Hood Prince of Thieves

The director Michael Win-

ner said that British produc-

ers and directors were to

blame for the state of the

industry. There is no ques-

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year I have ever seen and I

have been in active film production for 37 years. Out

were produced.

and Terminator 2.

were made for television.

BRITAIN'S once great film industry, revolving around Ealing Elstree and Pinewood studios, is near collapse, the

British Film Institute says.

City of Joy was the only bigbudget, big-screen film to be
financed last year from wholly British sources. The Commitments, directed by Alan Parker and based on Roddy Doyle's book, was the biggest British box-office hit in 1991, but was financed by the American companies 20th Century Fox and Sovereign

Pictures.
Although the number of feature-length films made in the UK has not dropped there were 59 made in 1991 - there has been a dramatic decline in investment in filmmaking, according to a report by the institute this week. The average budget for films made in Britain, including those with international money, was £4.12 million in 1981, just over half the budget for films in 1984, in the midst of a British film revival.

of every 100 people who come to movies only one and a half choose to see a British film. British producers have let people down so that it is very difficult to get people to put money into the industry."

The institute says that British films lack the ingredients needed for big returns, including money for top stars and special effects, a strong narrative drive, quickly identifiable villains and heroes and "moral ambiguity". The report says the industry is at a crossroads. It must choose either to accept a smaller role, producing specialist or television films or compete with the Americans by spending far

Colin MacCabe, head of the institute's research depart-ment, said: "The relationship between television and cinema needs to be sorted out. There are actually a lot of good British films made for TV that never make it on to

cinema screens.
"Without going down the French route, which protects the cinema with subsidy, we must have some balance of interest between television and the big screen." He suggested a financial incen-



Rare triumph: Collins and Swayze in City of Joy

tive scheme, similar to that in continental countries. Distribution networks are

plate a production costing more than about £10 million without involving one of the another obstacle. It is now Hollywood studios, which control the worldwide distrivirtually impossible for any British film-maker to contem-



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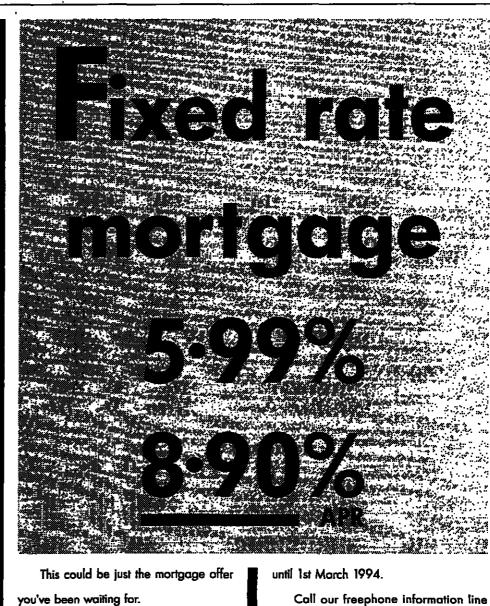
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Promises from Rio threaten to push up price of fuels

By PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

FAR-reaching options includ-ing a carbon tax, which would raise the price of petrol and other fuels, and action to control the growth of road traffic will be outlined by the government next Monday.

These proposals will be included in a discussion paper from the Department of the Environment on how Britain can fulfil the commitments made under the climate change convention at the Rio summit last June. The main industralised countries have agreed to put forward detailed plans for compliance by the end of next year.

Under the firm timetable the government needs to decide by then how Britain will return emissions of carbon dioxide to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The document will set out the options without any particular preference expressed. All the suggestions have been discussed by Whitehall departments and none

has yet been ruled out. Michael Howard has taken a close interest in green issues since becoming environment secretary last April and he is keen to use market and price ship between higher fuel mechanisms rather than detailed regulations.

The main implications are for transport, which accounts for a quarter of carbon dioxide emissions and is the fastest growing source of such emissions. The discussion document will discuss what proportion of savings need come from transport, the scope for improving the fuel efficiency of cars, the relation-

prices and fuel efficiency, and reconciling increasing demands for mobility with envi-

ronmental constraints. The most controversial suggestion will be for a carbon tax since this would increase the price of fuels which result in carbon dioxide emissions. This could push up the cost of petrol and of electricity. The discussion paper will be affect

ed by the outcome of the PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

Both Houses of Parliament will rise for the Christmas recess next Thursday. The main business in the Commons is expected to be: Monday: Christmas recess motion and Consolidated

Fund debates. Tuesday: Timetable motion on the education bill. Civil service (management functions) bill, remaining stages. Wednesday: Prisoners and criminal proceedings (Scotland) bill, remaining stages. Thursday: Christmas adjourn-

The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Debate on pension

Tuesday: British Coal and British Rail (transfer proposals) bill, report. Wednesday: Debate on overseas aid. Mink Keeping Thursday:

Order and other orders.

government's separate review of energy policy in the light of the pit closures row.

The discussion paper is aimed at stimulating public debate not just among environmental groups but, in par-ticular, in industry and among public sector energy users who will be directly affected by the decisions which have to be taken by the end of next year. The government does not want to rely on regulation but also wants to mobilise business and public utilities.

The paper is being published on Monday ahead of a meeting of the European Community council of environment ministers on Tuesday which will be discussing the next steps on climate change. The timing is intended to demonstrate Britain's commitment in this area.

Total emissions in 1990, the target level, were estimated at 160 million tonnes carbon. By 2000, unless there are changes, the central projection is for total emissions of 170 million tonnes, though some of the assumptions will be affected by the coal review.



Debt collector: Dennis Skinner checks the Chancellor's credit rating

Lamont denied amnesty

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MOST Opposition MPs yesterday declared a pre-Christmas ceasefire on Norman Lamont's private finances when he addressed the Commons for the first time since his personal borrowing dominated the news.

For a couple of Labour members, however, there was no amnesty during Trea-sury questions. Dennis Skinner challenged Mr Lamont over exceeding his credit card spending limit: "If the Chancellor has decided on an individual policy of spending his way out of recession, why can't it apply to the rest of the country?" Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, did little to spare his superior's blushes, rephing: "It is important to keep

[spending] under control." Dale Campbell-Savours no fused to forget the Treasury's payment of £4.000 for Mr Lamont's solicitors' charges. Sir John Cope, the Paymaster General, who said that the Workington MP would always do his best to try to cheapen debate".

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Critics of Smith's public showing miss the point

M uch of this week's me-dia flurry over John Smith's performance as Labour leader misses the point. The right test is not what he has done in public over the past five months but whether he is preparing Labour to be a credible contender for power in four years' time.

There are three strands of criticism. First, aired mainly in the Tory press, is that Mr Smith has not been aggressive enough in the Commons. Second, expressed mainly by Bryan Gould and by the left, is that Mr Smith is not provid-ing a sufficient sense of direction or offering a distinctive alternative. Third, coming from the modernisers in the party's centre and from some friends of Neil Kinnock, is that Mr Smith is too cautious over

internal reforms. Talk about a knockout blow to bring down the government is nonsense. Mr Smith is sensibly hammering away rather than assuming the edifice will collapse overnight. While some of his early appearances at prime minister's questions were wooden, he has lately been sharper. Although his personal ratings in the polls are not particularly high, Labour has a big lead.

The more serious criticism is that Mr Smith is not doing enough to transform Labour. His conference speech missed an opportunity by failing to address the implications of last April's defeat. He has also given ambiguous signals over changing the party's links with the unions. Since his initial pledge to support a one member, one vote system, Mr Smith has allowed union leaders to gain the impression that he would be satisfied with a modification of the current structure. At the same time, he has assured the modernisers that he supports their desire for a fully-fledged change, scrapping the unions' block

There has also been no sense of intellectual ferment. In part, Mr Smith's staff argue, that is because he has been preoccupied with attacking the government. Changes

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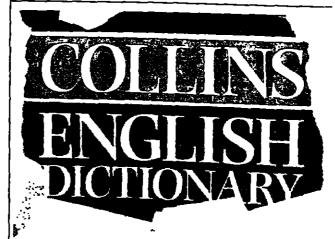
ing commission on social justice, including taxes and benefits, will be formally launched next Thursday, while party reviews of the constitution (excluding electoral reform, which is being separately considered) and Europe have been set up.

Mr Smith also wants to avoid the trap of the last parliament when specific promises on child benefits and pensions were made well ahead of the election. The emphasis now is on a rolling three-year programme of reviewing policy.

On the economy, Gordon Brown has been keen to clear the decks. He resisted party pressure to call for a devaluation of sterling before September 16 both because Labour should not seem to be adopting soft options and because it would give a strong card to the Tories. Since then he has returned to Labour's earlier theme of the need for confidence to revive the economy and reduce unemployment, while being cautious about detailed alternatives. However, in the new year he plans a series of speeches setting out the main themes of a new strategy to raise longterm economic performance.

Labour spent most of the last parliament reversing policies which damaged it in the past. Although new approaches were offered in other areas. these did not convince sufficient voters that it was worthwhile taking a risk with Labour. Now, with the government floundering over the economy and European policy, the party has to win the debate for its case for a more active role for government Labour has by the end of 1993 to agree its internal reforms and to have started to show it is a new party with a new approach. Mr Smith cannot be complacent.

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Your Excellencies,

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The world dumbfounded is witnessing everyday the maelstrom of war into which the peoples of Bosnia-Herzegoniva have been pushed. A maelstrom of destruction, heavy loss of life, unnecessary bloodshed and a stampede of tens of thousands of refugees.

It is now clear and unreservedly accepted that the rush to recognise this former Yugoslav Republic as an independent state was untimely. And no shedding of remorseful tears can rectify the damage done. However, it is an encouraging fact that from all concerned quarters, i.e. the United Nations, the United States, the Conference for Peace and the European Community, it is silently accepted that Greece's warnings were correct.

Is Europe willing to face the repetition of the same scenario within the area of the former Yugoslav Republic of Skopje? A republic, named Vardarska, which by a historically perverted act of Marshal Tito was renamed "Macedonia".

It should not be overlooked that this geographical region literally constitutes an exact miniature copy of former Yugoslavia. Ethnically, linguistically and religiously its composition is tantamount to a mosaic or a cocktail. A cocktail which only needs an unheeded spark, to explode like a Molotov bomb! Bulgarians, Serbians, so-called "Macedonians", Albanians, Wallahians, Greeks. Christian Orthodox, Catholics, Muslims, etc!

In order to avoid being pedantic we shall cite a few facts:

- November 6, 1992. The regime's police assault and open fire against the Albanians. Result: Four dead and 35 wounded.
- November 7, 1992. In spite of a prohibition, 20.000 Albanians organize a rally and demand "human rights and autonomy". "Mr. Gligorov is trying to extort a recognition from the European Community", is their outcry.
- November 9, 1992. A poll conducted by the State Research Institute of Skopje, discovered that only a mere 17% of the people questioned consider as a priority the recognition of the Republic under the name "Macedonia".

- November 10, 1992. Mr. Nevsat Halili, leader of the Albanians addresses the E.C. and demands from its Council "to withhold recognition because the human, political, ethnic and religious rights of the Albanians and other second category citizens are being supressed". Interviewed by "Die Zeit" he states: "The government of Skopje is driving things to a civil confrontation worse than the Bosnian one".
- November 11, 1992. The Skopje Minister of Security declares: "Iran and Libya are funding the fanatic islamists". And from the other side the Mufti (Muslim leader) of Skopje denounces that "all ottoman muslim shrines are being christianized".
- November 15, 1992. Albanian President Mr. Shali Berisha warns that "before any recognition, the republic (Skopje), should become a state for all its citizens". Greece took the initiative to proclaim, together with Bulgaria, Serbia and Albania, that they guarantee the borders of this former Yugoslav republic. But Mr. Gligorov, in a show of his perpetual intransigence, rejected the Greek proclamation.

Your Excellencies,

- We trust that the Lisbon Resolution has been adopted to stay.
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- We need peace, and peace is needed by the inhabitants of the Skopje republic.
- We are once more sure that you will avoid undermining our unwavering faith towards a united and peaceful Europe and you will prove the solidarity of Community.

As far as the name Macedonia is concerned, permit us to quote the former Secretary of State Mr. Henry Kissinger who said: "I believe that Greece is rightfully opposed to the (usurped) name. The reason is that I know history."

We trust that Your Excellencies being equally if not more familiar with history, will safeguard the European legacy and will not permit a recognition that will be equal to a contempt of History. Confucius' maxim "The cautions seldom err" is always valid.

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Nato rejects further action to enforce Bosnia settlement

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS

NATO defence ministers met in what was called a reflective and sombre mood yesterday to discuss the continuing killing in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but rejected any suggestion that they send in troops to enforce a settlement between the war-- ning factions.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who arrived for the Brussels meeting dir-ectly from Split after his 48hour visit to Bosnia, even cautioned against enforcing the "no-fly zone" over the former Yugoslav republic Serbian military helicopters continue to fly over Bosnia, ignoring the ban imposed by the United Nations Security

Council.

Mr Rifkind said that enforcement of the ban could endanger the UN troops in Bosnia, implying that the Serbs would take revenge on them if Serbian aircraft were shot down. A British patrol with the UN forces in Bosnia was fired at on Wednesday but However, he did not call

there were no injuries. Major Juan Villalon, a Spanish spokesman with the UN, said that the British patrol "was engaged by mortar" at Turbe, near Travnik, a mainly Slav Muslim city 60 miles northwest of Sarajevo.

Washington has said that it is considering enforcing the air-exclusion zone, but British sources at yesterday's Nato defence planning committee said: "No-one here showed enthusiasm for enforcement."

The dilemma facing Nato was summed up by an official who said: There were no bright ideas from ministers for doing anything more in

The threat of the conflict spilling over into Kosovo and other regions was not discussed in any detail. Only Nevzat Ayaz, the Turkish defence minister, called for additional military steps, including a lifting of the arms embargo on the Muslim side in Bosnia.

specifically for military

In spite of the reluctance of the ministers to countenance any action in Bosnia other than humanitarian relief, Nato planners are preparing to respond to any new request for military assistance from the UN. British officials admitted that the situation was much gloomier than was predicted immediately after the end of the Cold war. Nato, they said, had to be much better prepared to respond

quickly to calls for help.

"The military staff here are now tuning themselves up, but they are not preparing specific contingency plans for action in Bosnia because there is no agreed objective," one British source said. The source added that Manfred Worner, Nato's secretary-general, was in regular contact with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, representing a marked change from six months ago".



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Secular Muslims turn to Islam in quest for arms

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN TRAVNIK

t first it was just a A whisper, a word quietly mouthed among the markets and mosques as Bosnia was laid waste, its people murdered and their houses turned to ashes

Now it is spoken aloud: betrayal. You, the West. have betrayed us say Bos-nia's Muslims, so we will turn to the east and Islam. As Serb forces continue their seemingly unstoppable advance across Bosnia, support is growing among the country's previously al-most secular Muslims for an alliance with the Arab and Islamic world.

In places such as Travnik the cry of betrayal resounds louder. This city of 17 mosques, a fort and an Islamic college, was once the seat of a Turkish vizier under the Ottomans, when the Bosnian Slavs converted to Islam. The mixed population of 70,000 is swollen by 20,000 refugees.

"I know that I'm a Bosnian Muslim, but I don't know how I am going to defend myself," said Ahmet, a soldier in his 40s fighting in the Bosnian army. "The arms embargo must be lifted and we know that the Arab world is working on it." Serb forces are just a few miles up the road outside the village of Turbe, which is pounded daily. Travnik, too, is comfortably within range of their big guns and is regu-larly shelled. The boom and rumble of the fighting echoes around its streets.

"Serbs call us Muslim fundamentalists but the Muslims here are the most modern in the world." Ahmet said. "But this is a fight for survival. I've been through many danger zones and across front lines and what I have seen is complete madness. Everything is destroyed and burnt down. So people are trying to save themselves and grasping at any straw."

A few miles outside Travnik is the fortified and closed off Mujahidin base; home to a few hundred fighters from Arab and Islamic countries. At first the strictly religious Mujahidin were not welcomed by local Bosnians.

"Educated Muslims are silent about the Mujahidin," said Davor, a local Croat journalist. Some Croats fear they are influencing Bosnian Muslims with an alien form of Islam. "Part of the Muslim population is turning suddenly and strongly to the East. They feel betrayed and for them the Mujahidin are brave and capable people Chetniks."

Even with a new unified Croat-Bosnian command, reinforcements and the Mujahidin near by, Travnik could still fall. The Serbs have the power to conquer said Filip Bosnia." Filipovic, a commander in the Bosnian-Croat army. They are playing a game of negotiation and if the UN does not act decisively, it will be giving a permit to

aggression." The fall of Travnik would be a military and moral disaster. Just as the destroved town of Vukovar was once a symbol of Croat resistance. Travnik is a symbol of the Bosnian fight against the Serbs. The city is shaped like a half open book, "illuminated with gardens, streets, houses, fields, graveyards and mosques". So wrote the city's most famous son, Ive Andric, winner of the Nobel prize for literature, in his book, Travnik Chronicles.

N ow the mosques are boarded up against shells and mortars and the graveyards. filled with Muslim and Croat soldiers. are crowded with weeping mourners. But more than the political or military cost of losing the city would be the human one: the tidal wave of tens of thousands of refugees, many forced out for the second time. flooding through Bosnia.

As Serbs advance daily. more and more Muslim refugees in this part of Bosnia draw parallels between themselves and the Palestinians, raising the spectre of a guerrilla war being waged across the Balkans by angry and dispossessed people.

"We are like Palestinians," said Memet, 25, a refugee now living in Zenica near by. "Bosnian Muslims will fight until we get our land back. We won't be satisfied with just a part of our country. If we have a liberation organisation I will join it, that's 100 per cent certain, and we will

fight until the end."

The Hague: Ruud Lubister, last night called for military intervention to stop the killing in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "I do not give a damn who takes the initiative," he told parliament. "I just think it is scandalous that we can do it in Somalia and not in Yugoslavia." (Reuter)

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Germans change tack on £8 billion development programme following intervention by Kohl

European fighter to go ahead after Rühe surrenders

About 20,000 British jobs have been secured for now, but there is nocertainty that Bonn will agree to the next stage - production

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS

THE four-nation European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) was officially saved yesterday after Germiny, the reluctant partner, agreed to continue with the £22billion programme.

The ecision was seen by British efficials as a victory for Malcoln Rifkind, the defence secretar, who has remained committed to the fighter in spite o pressure from the Germans to replace it with a totally lew aircraft, and from the Trasury worried about the cos of the programme.

Voller Rühe, the German defend minister, who thought he had succeeded in killing the project by announcing Germany's withdrawal from the programme earlier this year, told his counterparts from Britain Spain and Italy, that Bonn yould remain committed to the development phase.

A strement from all four

defence ministers, making clear that the fighter was still a going oncern, was issued last night after a Nato defence planning meeting here.
A sector British Aerospace

official, prime contractor for EFA, said: "Today is a water-shed for the future of the European defence industry. EFA is back on course."

Convinced that Herr Rühe had been forced to change course, British officials private ly were exultant at the turn of events. Until yesterday's meet-ing of the four ministers, Herr Rühe had shown no sign of relenting. Even when a three month study showed that a 30 per cent cut in costs could be achieved, he was dismissive. He supported the development of a European fighter, but he wanted it to be a different design, much cheaper, and less sophisticated, "more suited to the post-Cold

You can't have a brand new 'plane because we've already spent 50 per cent of the development money." Howev-er, he claimed that his fight for a cheaper aircraft had been vindicated. All four countries, he said, had agreed a new concept for EFA which was in

line with what he had in mind. British officials, however, said the aircraft would have the same air frame and the same

twin Rolls-Reyce engines.
Although the German and
British ministers were putting a different gloss on yesterday's decision, each seemed to be satisfied. However, Herr Rühe said development would have to be slowed, and that Bonn would not make a decision on production until 1995. An initial investment decision for the production phase

is due next spring to allow for industry to start "tooling up" for construction. It is not clear whether this will also have to be postponed. British Aero-space, whose EFA factory is at Warton in Preston, Lancashire, would be reluctant to have any serious delays. However, British officials said there would be no problem in leaving the main production phase decision until 1995. Britain and Italy want EFA to be in service by the year 2000. Germany and Spain are pre-

Herr Rühe's about-turn. ordered by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, was combined with a vigorous facesaving exercise. Herr Rühe and his officials emphasised that there was still no decision in Bonn whether Germany would join the production phase. But British officials believe that by committing themselves to the remaining period of the £8 billion dev-

elopment, the Germans will have to join in production. Survival of the fighter will safeguard the jobs of 40,000 people in Britain, who are involved directly and indirectly in the programme. Firms involved GEC, Ferranti, and Smith Industries.
At least 20,000 jobs had

also been in the balance in Germany, one of the factors which persuaded Herr Kohl to over-rule his defence minister. All partners in the programme will now be able to select from a family of EFAs, sometimes referred to as an a la carte choice. The cheapest version available to the Germans has been priced at 90

million marks each, including support costs. This represents a 30 per cent reduction in costs. The Germans will drop the advanced defence equipment, and may install existing radar on their Phantom jets rather than the new ECR90 radar designed by GEC

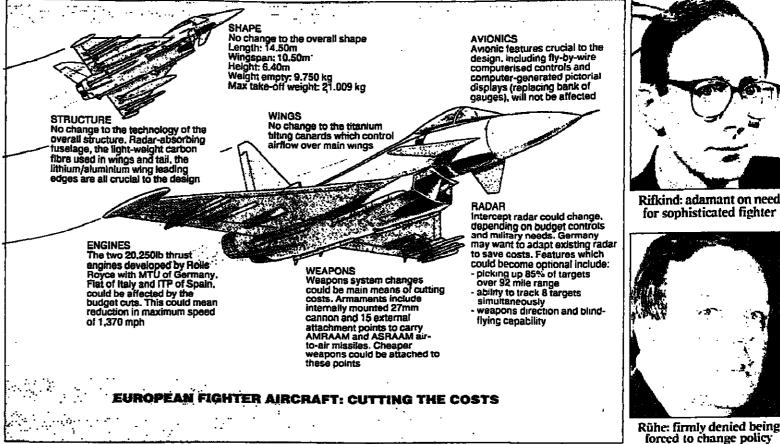
The RAF, which wants 250 EFAs, to replace the Phantom. Jaguar, and eventually the air defence version of Tornado, is likely to go for the top range. Herr Rühe firmly denied that he had been forced to change his mind. He said that he had achieved everything he wanted, and that the three agreed to go for a new type of aircraft. However, British officials feel that Herr Rühe. who appeared to be staking his political reputation on

scrapping EFA, had over-played his hand. In trying to persuade the Italian and Spanish defence ministers to withdraw he had misjudged their motives for querying the cost. While he was concerned with the politics of the pro-

ested in the price. Herr Ruhe repeated his

gramme, they were only inter

argument that the fighter had been designed before the Cold War ended, and that it was inappropriate. Mr Rifkind was adamant that a fighter as sophisticated as EFA was still required to combat the latest Russian aircraft, such as the MiG 29 and Su 27, which were now being sold on the open market, and could end up in the hands of countries potentially hostile to Britain



NEVS IN BRIEF

Princess's bovfriend sentenced

Nice: Datiel Ducruet, 28, father of Pincess Stephanie of Monaco's lewborn son, has been fined about £470 in absentia and sentenced to a 15-day suspinded jail term for beating up amotorist.

He and afriend were convicted of the January assault near here. The former bodyguard has lied in Monaco, beyond French law, since his arrest was ordered. (Reuter)

Case dropped
Paris: The Sebate has abandoned effortsto bring Laurent Fabius, the famer prime minister, to trial over haemophiliacs contracing Aids through blood transfisions when he was in office (Reuter)

Executive quits

Bonn: Damler-Benz said it had accepted the resignation of Karl Dersch, a marketing director, who was flying Germany's imperial flag at home. The flag has become a neo-Nazi symbol (Reuter)

'Gods' reopens

Milan: La Scala opera house has reversed its ban on spectators in the cheap seats at tonight's performance of Verdi's Don Carlos after they booed Luciano Pavarotti at Monday's opening night. (Reuter)

Bonn bans second neo-Nazi group

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, told the Bundestag that his government would act strongly against right-wing and racist violence. As the government moved yesterday to ban another neo-Nazi group, he called on families, schools and churches to contribute to the struggle against the enemies of democracy.

The ban on the German Alternative party was immediately followed by police raids in Cottbus on the home of Frank Hübner, its leader, and of other party members in several areas. Documents and computer discs were seized. Two members were arrested in Hoverswerda, near Dresden, on suspicion of attacking an Italian pizzeria two weeks ago and seriously wounding a

worker there. The moves against the neo-Nazis still seem to lack the ruthless efficiency of those against left-wing terrorists in the past. Following the banning of the Nationalist Front on November 27, neo-Nazis have had plenty of time to hide incriminating material. Moreover, the German Alternative is only one of a number of interlinked neo-Nazi organisations set up or encouraged by Michael Kühnen, who died of Aids last year. They have been growing fast, especially in eastern Germany.

In separate operations on Thursday, the police arrested two members of another neo-

Nazi group, the "Werewolf Hunting Unit", and charged them with supplying weapons to the extreme right. The that since the middle of last year, they sold at least two machineguns and 250 hand

In his speech to the Bundestag, Herr Kohl said that police measures alone would not be enough "to bring people to correct behaviour". He said that past experience has shown that reforms in education can be many times more effective He called on the whole of

society to help in giving young people "support and direction", and to support the state in combating violence whether of the left or right. People must be aware that "human dignity is our highest good". he said. Whoever offends against it, "attacks the basis of our free and democratic state". ☐ Berlin: The chief judge at the manslaughter trial of Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, presented documents he said showed that Herr Honecker gave orders to shoot at anyone trying to flee across the East German border. Judge Hansgeorg Bräutigam presented the doc-uments following earlier testimony by Heinz Kessler, Herr Honecker's former defence minister, that there were no orders to shoot at

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Spain threatens to block summit deal over budget plans

ously awry. Mr Major should also be able to tell his suspi-cious backbenchers that he

the Edinburgh summit is to do something to create jobs." National efforts would be

boosted by Europe-wide initia-

tives and cross-border projects.

politicians, gave no hint of how these projects would work and only referred to areas in

broad terms. The declaration

mentioned, for example, the

development of a modern

transport and communication

infrastructure that would be

partially funded by European

Investment Bank loans. It also mentioned the urgent need to

ratify the Maastricht treaty.

Only that would recover a lot

of the confidence that was lost

with the Danish "No" vote

and the close result in the

The declaration, and the

Socialist leaders plan

for growth and jobs

By RAY CLANCY

BRITAIN last night circulated new compromise proposals on the EC's budget for the 1990s in the hope of avoiding a deadlock over money at the summit, but Spain cast serious doubt on prospects for a deal. The new figures are unlikely

to satisfy either Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, who asked for a 30 per cent increase in the EC's budget earlier this year, or the Community's four poorest states led by Spain, which want a sizeable increase in their subsidies. Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, said was not enough either on the expenditure or the resources side in the British proposals, and there would "probably not" be a deal at the

Finance battles are familiar terrain. The technical work on a 30-page budget agreement has been completed by officials and only a few figures have to be filled in after haggling between the politicians.

Mr Major finds himself in a stronger position on the plan known after its author as "Delors II" than on most

A THREE-point plan for jobs and growth was agreed at a

meeting of European socialist leaders hosted by John

Smith, the Labour leader, in

Edinburgh yesterday.
They called for national

economic policies to be co-

ordinated to allow countries to

lower interest rates and fix

realistic exchange rates; the

setting up of the European

works programme including

transport projects for Eastern

Europe; and a reorganisation

of working hours to allow

Mr Smith said after the

declaration was released that

Mr Major had missed an

opportunity to put these mea-

sures at the top of the summit

has held the budget down to a DINBUR. lower rate of increase than Mrs Thatcher, while preserving her rebate. A deliberately low negotiating offer made by Britain two weeks ago can be gently raised without showing increases which will ring political alarm bells at Westminster. Britain has already offered a 20 per cent budget

By raising the total increase slightly and raiding contingency funds and "headroom" left in the pencilled figures for the late 1990s, more money others. The British budget rebate has been attacked with regularity by other govern-ments, and with special feroc-ity by Germany, the largest contributor to the EC, but has may be squeezed into the most controversial part of this budget, the "cohesion fund". This money, devoted to Spain, Ire-land, Portugal and Greece, not been dented and will will not amount to more than a tenth of that which these survive. This year the discount is worth around £1.4 billion, reducing Britain's contribu-tion from £3.5 billion to just over £2 billion. Over the past seven years years the rebate won by Mrs Thatcher has states get from other forms of EC funds for Europe's poorer areas, but has acquired symbolic importance. One of the hardest pieces of the entire bargain is to balance the shares of the fund which will benefited Britain to the tune of

> Germany would like the fund held to no more than £8 billion and the "Club Med" governments are arguing for £12 billion. Señor González will at the end have to make a fine political and not financial calculation. Does he break up the summit and hope that he can squeeze more from another wrangle early next year under the Danish EC presidency? Or does he settle for a figure below his target and bank the money sooner? The state of Western Europe's economies — and of strapped German public finances above all - may persude him to opt for jam today and not

go to each of the four states.

tomorrow If Señor González decides to settle, despite his opening gambit, many Spanish obstacles to other summit decisions will melt away. "It really is extraordinary how much the Spanish have been studying and imitating Mrs Thatcher's style of budget negotiation," a British official mused.

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the shadow of Edinburgh Castle, Pipe Major Steven Young gives the European Community summiteers a musical greeting to the city

Britain climbs up the single market league

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSEIN

ON THE CV Edinburgh summit. Britain has managed to clinb back up the European Commis-sion's table which racks the success of member sites in implementing the single mar-

ket laws. The October figure had been an embarrassmen for the British presidency of the European Community

Britain has always roudly pointed out that, although it may argue with Brusses over laws while they are being shaped when they are agreed it sticks by its word and puts them into effect in Iritain as

Eighth place, behind Greece, hardly did this claim Now, however, Britain

shows up in fifth place in the latest table, which it dated December 8. The new figures show that \$1.2 per cent of single market legislation has been transposed into actional law in Britain.

Denmark is way out in front in the Europear league. having put 95.9 percent of single market legislation into practice. The Danes are followed by France, wth 85.9

per cent. British officials arme that transposing Europeat Com-munity law in Britains much more labour-intensive than elsewhere in the European Community. They clim that some of the member states simply take the computer disc from Brussels and he job is

A spokesman for Martin Bangemann, the IC's internal market commissioner. said it was "very pleasing" that Britain had clinbed back up the table. The Italians are currently

lying in bottom place, with only 72.8 per cut of mea-sures transpose into nat-

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Edinburgh rises to the extravaganza

By Ray Clancy

THE blue and gold starred a football ground, and regi-Euro flags fluttered in a gentle ments that are under threat or breeze and, most glorious of all, the sun shone in Edinburgh yesterday as European leaders arrived for their

The assembled leaders simdid not realise their luck. In a guide printed by the district council the bad news was there for all to see: Edinburgh averages just 1.3 hours of bright sunshine a day the Athens of the North put on a startling show. Even the Christmas shoppers had smiles on their faces as they coped with the road closures, parking restrictions and an extra police presence on one of the sunniest winter days for

Today and tomorrow the ordinary people have the chance to take part. Fishermen march through the city

being merged are also taking to the streets. On Saturday a huge street party is planned. From a stage in the High Street Scottish rock bands will entertain the crowds.

and Borders police have set up roadblocks to search suspicity centre have been sealed and 15 sniffer dogs regularly patrol the buildings where summit events are taking

The bombs in Manchester last week and London this week have heightened fears about terrorism. At the weekend police seized a number of computer disks on sale for E3 at a market in Glasgow. They show how to make explosives, radio-controlled devices and

nitroglycerine. The Euro extravaganza, the biggest event Edinburgh has seen for more than 50 years according to Norman Irons, the Lord Provost, who insists on wearing his kilt everywhere, has cost £6.5 million to stage. The bill is being picked

Almost half the money - £3 the 2,500 journalists, television crews and photographers. A fleet of buses ferries them to and from the Palace of Holyroodhouse for press conferences, and the latest information is relayed to the press

centre by giant television The transformation of the palace into a modern conference centre took two months and cost £2 million. The antiques were moved into storage and replaced by telephone lines, fax machines, computers and other high-

tech equipment. In the King's

still stands in its usual place surrounded by office equipment. It was deemed too fragile to move. In the mail conference

bedchamber ne four-poster

room where thedeals will be hammered out Im Conquer, ed an oak fromage for the Meadowbank sports centre for translators' boops to match the original wall panelling. Outside, a bue-and-white striped marquee has been put up next to the runs of the abbey to cope with the overflow from the diring room. which has proved to be too smail.

The rest of the noney has gone on catering, or hire and sub-contracters. The city expects to benefit to he tune of Ell million, with the media alone spending Ell million and delegates and isstors E4 million. The city's hopkeep-ers are predicting a bumper

Delors award outshines the Euro-hecklers

BY TOM RHODES

IN THE sea of multi-coloured academic finery at Edinburgh University's McEwan Hall yesterday, Jacques Delors, dressed in the red gown and hood of a doctor honoris causa, could so easily have been mistaken for just another greying professor.

But the European Commission president, whose ambitions stretch at least as far as the Elysée Palace, would never wish to be judged as just another man in the crowd — and indeed, he was not.

No sooner had Sir David Smith, vice chancellor of the smith, vice-chancellor of the university, risen to confer M Delors with his degree than the heckling started, and leaflets of Euro-sceptic intent rained on those present. The EC Unwelcoming Committee inside the senate building may have only amounted to three, but they made sure their voices were made sure their voices were

M Delors must have seen the irony of the event. Coming just a day before the European summit, the university was doubtless aware for some months that he would be unlikely to with-draw at the last minute. Yet, while the hecklers had been given ample preparation, the university's chancellor, the Duke of Edinburgh, could



Man of honour: M Delors receives his degree at Edinburgh University yesterday

not be present. The duke, it seems, had prior engage-ments and, in view of recent events, it was unlikely he would have welcomed such a

public appearance.
Not that M Delors seemed to mind. After an initial burst, when a "Don't bull-doze Europe" banner was hung from the central balco-ny, the EC president spoke for 15 uninterrupted

"I'm well aware, of course, that I am here today as an intermediary, that it is the process of European integra-tion that is being honoured through me," he said in English heavily laced with

Gallic overtone. Have we succeeded? he asked. The answer is a ringing yes. Perhaps the brasses could do with a little spit and polish. but Europe's single market will be open for business on new year's day."

The response he received was, by Scottish standards, rapturous. But then Edin-burgh, and indeed Scotland. has perhaps always felt a closer infinity to Europe its southern

neighbours.
M Delors joins an eminent group of those who have previously received doctorates, including Helmut Kohl, the German chancel-

lor, former President Cossiga of Italy, President Mugabe of Zimbabwe and last but not least. President Mitterrand's wife Danielle. Many of the students who

had turned out to witness the ceremony wen active campaigners for the European Society, a group set up only a year ago which now boasts the highest nembership of any organization on

campus.
"I was very disappointed with the way he vas treat-ed," said Vari Vlowat a second-year language student. This is not he place to heckle a man who has clearly done so much for Europe."

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the sing European leaders look to past in facing the future

■ The EC has also had an annus horribilis. Whatever the summit outcome, its identity crisis will not have been resolved

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

WHEN Jacques Delors gave his traditional pre-summit pep talk to Europe on the eve of the European Community meeting of heads of state and government starting in Edinburgh today, his speech was not only downbeat and disappointed but heavily historical. The man who regularly urges Europe to look to the future dwelt heavily on the past.

M Delors is not alone is his reluctance to contemplate what 1993 might hold for the EC. The Community's corridors echo with the language of the end of an era; nobody knows what the next phase will be. This year has been bad enough to show that the grand designs of mice, men and European commissioners can indeed go awry: a year flagged with festivals and fireworks as an annus mirabilis has turned into an annus horibilis. John Major and his colleagues are in Edinburgh badly in need of what marketing men call a

relaunch.

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But even if ingenious draughtsmen can cook up compromises to smother the Edinburgh agenda's contentious items in verbal fudge, the EC still faces a profound and unprecedented crisis of identity which will be unaltered whatever the summit's outcome. The malaise goes deeper than the rows over Denmark's special status or M Delors' budget. Once, the Community's leaders could proclaim a federal future, confident that such a vision would take time and that voters would not object. The traumas of 1992, from the rejection of Maastricht in Denmark, through the nail-biting finish of the French referendum, to the chaos in the currency markets, have robbed them of

Parties give guidelines to Schluter

Copenhagen: The Danish government, seeking to negotiate a new deal with the European Community following the referendum rejection of Maastricht, was given guidelines yesterday for its summit

negotiating stance.
"We got the mandate we want and find most natural as agreed by seven of parliament's parties." said Poul Schluter, the prime minister. "We will do our utmost to secure a deal in Scotland which will meet all Denmark's requirements. I categorically refuse to be the Danish premier who leads Denmark out of the European Community." Mr Schluter and Uffe

Ellemann-Jensen, the foreign minister, are to try to negotiate a series of opt-out proposals exempting Denmark from aspects of the Maastricht treaty which its electorate finds unpalatable. The proposals require Denmark to opt out of plans for an EC currency. common defence policy and citizenship, and co-ordinated legal co-operation. (Reuter)

Lisbon 'yes'

Lisbon: Portugal's single-chamber parliament voted overwhelmingly to approve ratification of the Maastricht treaty on closer European union. The vote, which began after Anibal Cavaco Silva, the . prime minister, and his ministerial team had left for Edinburgh, was carried 200-21, with no abstentions. (Reuter)

Swiss offer

Geneva: Switzerland has offered to give up its scheduled presidency of the European Free Trade Association after voters rejected a treaty creating a single market between Efta and the EC. Switzerland is to hold Efra's rotating chairmanship from January 1, when Effa and the Community will bargain on how to effect the treaty without the Swiss. (AP)

Wall of protest

Luxembourg: Some 250 Luxembourg farmers, protesting against the US-Community farm accord, built a brick wall across the driveway to the American embassy and pelted the building with eggs and tomatoes while the ambassador was inside. (Reuter)

Now the 12 battered prime ministers and M Delors cling tenaciously to the Maastricht text for fear of the intellectual and political flux which might follow its destruction. In his pre-summit pep talk last year. M Delors upbraided the treaty's authors for their timidity. Twelve months later he is a sadder and wiser man: Maas-

tricht, he said yesterday, is

very ambitious"

If Mr Major were a vindic-tive man, which plainly he is not, he would send round the table at Edinburgh an open letter addressed to the EC by President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, in April 1990. The letter, a rallying call reunification by completing its own monetary and political union, marked the start of the long gestation of the Maas-tricht treaty. Without using the



word "superpower", the two men sketched a vision of the continent as a giant political unit, cohesive enough to act as a force in the world.

Whatever may eventually

emerge from the dreary struggle over ratifying the treaty, Europe is not a superpower, or even an infant version of one. That dream has been destroyed by a combination of economic misery and the con-tradictions which have been inherent in the EC from the start but which are only now cracking its structure. No leader in the EC has the clout to repeat Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand's call. M Mitterrand oresides over a dowertu) econ omy but political chaos in a state which has lost its way in Europe. Herr Kohl is mired in Germany's violence. M Delors is yesterday's man. Mr Major can only win Maas-tricht votes in the Commons by making concessions to Eurosceptics and undermin-

ing his credibility with his EC partners. The root of this mistrust of elected politicians is the misery of recession. But Europe's voters have

noticed something else: a gap between rhetoric and reality. As the EC moved from a nucleus of six to an extended family of 12 nations, its ambitions expanded. No longer content merely to ensure peace between Germany and its neighbours, advocates of a federation began to speak of Europe integrating to wield clout equivalent to that of America, Japan or the old Soviet Union. Few noticed

that these objectives might come into conflict, or that the EC's slow but sure economic integration did not guarantee equally quick progress to disciplined political decisions.

Images of emaciated prisoners and crumpled heaps of snipers victims in Bosnia render the intricate debates over Maastricht irrelevant. The treaty, people have sensed, is fun for constitutional mechanics who like tinkering with fine print. No machinery, however sophisticated, will stop the killing in Bosnia today or in Kosovo tomorrow unless Europeans want to stop it. Many federalists have concluded that Europe's idealism can only be rekindled inside a hard core of five: France, Germany and the Benelux. (But after Germany forced its EC partners to recognise Croatia, thus helping to light the fire in Bosnia. even fervent purists dropped talk of a shrunken political union which might not contain German power.) The hard-core five could form a monetary union, but will not do so unless France decides to ioin what will be a German mark zone. There are few siens that French politicians

are ready for that surrender. The attractions of a fasttrack group of countries accelerating away from the mendicant Mediterraneans and sullen laggards like Britain and Denmark are more powerful for the dreamers of Brussels than for elected politicians. For the vanguard of a two-speed Europe can only go forward by going backward into the past. The founder-members of the EC, minus Italy, could make a bold move Britain's attempts to find a

vards closer integration but only by returning to the old mhasis on economics. A monetary union based on the Bundesbank will do little for the freezing orphans of Sarajevo. But Britain has no

alternative strategy to offer. The old idea of steadily increasing integration is bust," a senior British figure said this week. Gloating over fun in gilded embassy dining rooms, but it is no agenda for Europe's future.

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Kohl: mixed in German right-wing violence

Bonn urges joint refugee policy

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN categories for asylum-seekers

GERMANY'S senior European commissioner, Martin Bangemann, said yesterday that new German rules on political asylum could open the way for a common European approach to refugees and asylum seekers. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, is to raise the question with other European leaders at the Edinburgh summit tomorrow but Ger-man officials believe that progress is likely to be slow.

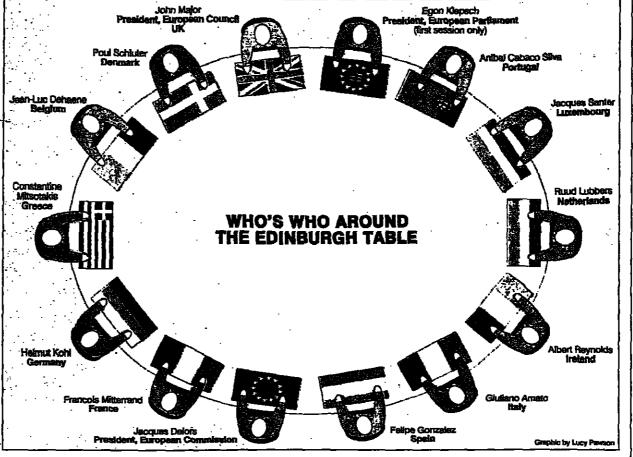
Herr Bangemann said that the compromise on tightening the asylum clause of the constitution, expected to be passed into law in January, would bring Germany into line with the harsher policies of the rest of Europe. This will enable Bonn quickly to ratify the 1990 Dublin Convention on asylum, and the EC agreements on how to implement the Schengen accord on the removal of frontier controls

within the EC.
The commissioner called for the EC to develop a political strategy to cope with immigration, and urged Germany to bring forward proposals of its own, rather than leaving this to Brussels. He called on EC countries to join Germany in giving a special status to war refugees, separate from the or immigrants.

German officials are sceptical over the possibility of rapid progress, given the attitude of other European countries. They say that German appeals for the burdens of taking refugees and asylum-seekers to be fairly shared have met no response. There is particular bitterness against London after the British refusal to take more than a relatively small number of Bosnian refugees. Germany has taken in more than 250,000 Bosnians more than the rest of Europe put together - as well as almost 70 per cent of all Europe's asylum seekers. The chairman of Germany's Association of Local Councils, Hans-Gottfried Bernrath, said vesterday that if Germany's new rules reduced the number of asylum seekers by 60 per cent, they would save the

(£2 billion) a year in accom-modation and social welfare. Bonn is urging other countries to fulfil their promises to take in prisoners freed from Serbian camps. Germany has accepted 1,000 of these, 151 of whom arrived here yesterday from Switzerland Most have relatives in Germany.

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Little Denmark looms large in EC's search for a Maastricht solution

By George Brock and James Landale

THE European Community Edinburgh last night begin their discussions today at the Palace of Holyroodhouse by tackling the toughest item on their agenda: Denmark. The outcome of the morning's debate will help or hinder the rest of the negotiations at the

The Danes narrowly rejected the Maastricht treaty on economic and political union last June. Since then the Community has wrestled with the dilemma of qualifying Danish participation in the treaty while avoiding any renegotiation or re-ratification by countries which have already approved it.

middle ground have not yet enough support from Danish opposition par-ties nor wholehearted endorsement from EC governments. The hard logic of the treaty's text suggests that the summitteers will work out a

□ 10am: The morning session begins when Egon Klepsch, president of the European Parliament, gives his opening speech. Then Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, presents a progress report on the single market followed by the main discussion on the new British proposal for the Danish ratification of the treaty. The Commission and the British presidency then reports on how to implement the principles of subsidiarity and transparency.

Finance ministers discusss the general economic situation in the EC and report on the workings of the European Monetary System. □ lpm: At lunch at Edinburgh Castle, John Major,

the prime minister, leads a discussion on the Community's economic prospects.

3pm: The afternoon session kicks off with a discussion of the EC budget for the rest of the 1990s. The air will be thick with acrimony and numbers but settlement is likely by Saturday night. The Commission will then report on EC relations with central and eastern European countries, including entry negotiations with European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries. □ 10pm: EC leaders attend

dinner on royal yacht Britannia with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Foreign ministers dine separately to discuss former Yugoslavia. ☐ 10am tomorrow: Formally. the last session will be devoted to deciding whether or not talks to admit countries such

as Austria, Sweden, Finland

broker a solution to the deadlock provoked by Germany's demand for 18 new seats in the European parliament after unification, which has so far been blocked by France, Immigration, the situation in former Yugoslavia and possible sites for EC institutions and agencies will be discussed. ☐ 12 noon: The closing press conference is officially sched-

and Norway to the EC can

start early next year. Progress

on "enlargement" will de-

pend entirely on the state of play over Denmark and the budget. Mr Major must also

uled for midday but the summit is likely to overmun. Any leader can raise any subject they choose: expect to hear mention of the Gatt world trade talks, the imminent completion of the single market, immigration and

A million protest in Athens

By Chris Eliou AND TIM JUDAH

GREEKS thronged central Athens yesterday to demand that the European Community study its history and not recognise the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia (Skopje) as independent under that

The crowd, estimated at a million, was demonstrating on the eve of today's opening of the EC summit in Edin-burgh which is expected to discuss the issue that has stirred passions in Greece more fiercely than any since the Italian invasion through Macedonia in 1940.

Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, will be making a last attempt at the summit to persuade his 11 counterparts to confirm the decision of the Lisbon summit in June excluding recognition of the land-locked republic under a name implying territorial claims on the Greek province of Macedonia.

Church bells peeled as the mostly young demonstrators marched through Athens carrying placards and shouting: "Hands off Macedonia" and "Macedonia has been Greek for the past 3,000 years." One placard, reflecting the wide-spread fear that recognition could provoke a new Balkan war, read: "Skopje + Bulgaria +

Turkey - war."

Crowds lining the streets cheered when a young man dressed as Alexander the Great rode a white stallion along the route of the march. the biggest in the Greek capital. Protesters. among them hundreds of Greek Macedonians in their national costume, travelled to Athens by road, rail and air. Schools, banks and government offices were closed to enable students and workers to participate. Traffic was brought to a standstill.

Leonidas Kouris, the mayor of Athens, told the rally: Today Europe and the entire world is listening to the voice of unity, truth and justice." A resolution adopted by the rally is to be delivered this morning to leaders attending the Edin-

Major's budget commet

Continued from page 1 opening session of the summ-it, Mr Major had distributed compromise proposals aimed at allowing Denmark to ratify the Maastricht treaty. Yester-day he warned his fellow leaders that they must come up with a confidence-boosting deal to give the Danes a credible chance of winning a

second referendum next year. But he rejected the French president's warning that the rest of the Community could push ahead without Denmark and Britain if they failed to ratify the treaty. "It is a Community of twelve," he said. "It is going to be a Community of twelve, not of ten, nine or eight."

Mr Major used a series of pre-summit interviews to underline his determination not to leave the Danes behind and his belief that the summit should try to ease Denmark's path. We have got to get an agreement sufficiently good for them to go back and win a referendum," he said. But he also made plain that

he would resist calls from other leaders, including M Mitterrand, to bring forward the Maastricht ratification process in Britain. They want him to promise to deliver the British endorsement of the treaty by the summer. Mr Major promised only that it would go through in the which is expected to end in October.

Denmark and future financing are the two most difficult issues on today's agenda and Mr Major said last night that if the EC could reach agreement on those, it was likely to reach agreement on subsidiarity, economic growth packages and on more openness in Community deci-

sion taking.
British officials admitted last night that there were still big differences on key issues and in all his interviews yesterday, Mr Major went out of his way to emphasise the magnitude of the difficulties facing him. He said: "No-one can be certain we will get an agreement. There is an old English saying that you can take a horse to water but you cannot make it drink. We must hope it drinks."

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Macedonia

For 4,000 years* steeped in the history of Greece



Aristotle, the tutor of Alexander the Great, was born in Stagira in Macedonia in 384 BC. Together with Plato, he is regarded as one of the greatest philosophers the world has known. Arishotle was a true academic, concerne with Physics, Astronomy, Rhetoric, Literature, Political Science and History. His teachings laid the foundation for modern scientific thought.

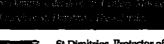
Alexander was born in 356 BC in Pella,



Macedonia, established by his father Philip IL as the centre of Hellenism. Nurtured on the thoughts of his tutor, Aristotle, he rose to fame as a brilliant military leader. He influenced the course of history, rightfully earning his title as Alexander the Great. In 335 BC he became Commander in Chief of all the Greeks. By the time of his death in 323 BC he had created an enormous empire, stretching from the shores of the Adriatic to India, and from the Caucasus Mountains to Egypt. He spread the Greek spirit far and wide among nations who worshipped him as a god.



This statue of Aphrodite came to light during archaeological digs at the ancient sacred city of Dion. Dion, at the foot of Mt Olympus, was the most important spiritual site for the Northern Greeks, playing the same role in their lives as that of the oracle at Delphi.





St Dimitrios, Protector of the city of Thessaloniki, was martyred in 305 AD defending Christianity. He is regarded as the Patron Saint of Thessaloniki and its seviour during difficult moments.



Thessaloniki, the heart of Macedonia, is a modern city with 1,000,000 inhabitants. It is strategically located at the crossroads of Europe with Asia. Having spread the Word at Philippi, the Apostle Paul continued his teachings in Thessaloniki. Its important monuments from antiquity and byzantium up to the present, provide testimony to the role that the city has played as the second capital of Hellenism.



This 16 pointed star of Vergina was uncovered during the archaeological excavations at Vergina. This symbol of the Greek Macedonian Dynasty decorated the golden tomb of Philip II. The Star of Vergina, extracted from the soil of Macedonia, has since become the symbol



swards found in Grevene date back 4,000 years, evidence of Macedonia's role at the varies of Greek history. Even in mythology Miscelon, mythold founder of the Miscelonian rise, is the son of Aeolou (golf of the winds). Throughout the years Macedonia contributed to the formala of knowledge of the Ancient Greeks. In the 5th entury BC Demokrator, lather of Atomic Theory, lived and worked in Avdira.



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Reformists and Moscow old guard take to streets

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

AS DARKNESS fell over St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin last night, representatives of two utterly different ideas of Russia gathered on the hill that slopes down to the river, and stared at one another in hatred.

On one side, under a sea of red flags, were the contorted faces of the hardest of hardcore communists: crotchety veterans, hot-headed trade unionists, local bureaucrats furious at losing that little, brief authority in which the old system had dressed them.

"Sovvetsky Sovuz, Sovyetsky Sovuz," they chanted, over and over again, as though the name of their dead Soviet state was a totem whose repetition would bring back the shops full of cheap, fatty sausages, the joyful pioneer camps, the dreadful prison camps, and all the good and bad things of the old regime.

Less than 100 yards away, separated by dozens of furhatted policemen whose peasant faces were at once bored and suspicious, were President Yeltsin's supporters. There were barely 2.000 of them, with their neat, sensible placards proclaiming: "We support the president". "We support the referendum". Other placards announced that

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman whose name they used to chant, was now a "Judas" because of his apparent support for the conservatives during the Congress of People's Deputies.

There was still a hint, perhaps for the first time this winter, of the extraordinary breadth and unwavering, almost desperate, loyalty of the coalition that Mr Yeltsin is capable of assembling when he sounds the rallying cry.

Mr Yeltsin's foot soldiers, the people who brought communism down by demonstrating in their hundreds of thousands on countless, freezing Sunday afternoons, were the "middle class in waiting"—the well-educated, well-read Muscovites who associated the old Soviet system with public lies and private frustration.

And last night at least a few could be heard chanting: "Yeltsin. Yeltsin." They had weary, intelligent faces, plainly struggling to survive in the new Russian free-for-all, but still clear enough about those aspects of the past to which they would never agree to return.

The "democratic" orators who came to warm up the crowd were a thin selection compared with the glorious.



Comrades in arms: Russian militiamen chat in front of a communist flag during an anti-Yeltsin demonstration outside the Kremlin yesterday. President Yeltsin has called for a national referendum to abolish the Congress

colourful gallery of yesteryear, when Mr Yeltsin himself and Andrei Sakharov pioneered the idea of public meetings.

Many of the old pro-Yeltsin agitators seem to have disappeared from the political scene or switched their loyalties to some variety of Russian chauvinism. But as always, last

night's speakers included the

indefatigable Father Gleb

Yakunin, in priest's robes and woolly hat, and Pyotr Filopov, the grey-bearded economist, who delivered an earnest homily on the market which sounded far too sensible for a public meeting.

The crowd was flanked, and policed, by dozens of swarthy, moustachioed Cossacks, in various exotic uniforms, who had arrived from southern

Russia to defend their president, physically if need be. from his enemies. And in the background, the ubiquitous figures of Mikhail Schneider and Vladimir Boxer, the discreet masterminds of the proyeltsin street movement, who are plainly thrilled to be back on the warpath again.

☐ Congress vote: The Congress of People's Deputies

voted in closed session to take control of the parliamentary guards away from the interior ministry. The guards will now come under the control of the Supreme Soviet "until an appropriate law is passed". In October, Mr Yeltsin issued a decree banning any armed formation that was not controlled by himself or the interior ministry. (Reuter)

Dushanbe

fighting

intensifies

FROM REUTER

IN MOSCOW

FIGHTING broke out in Dushanbe, the Tajikistan capital, yesterday with tanks and heavy weapons being used in the streets, a national security

"We do not know who is fighting whom, but there is heavy fighting going on all around us," the official said.

Another security official said

Aid workers in Tashkent,

the capital of neighbouring

Uzbekistan, said they had

heard that Dushanbe had

been taken by forces loyal to

Rakhmon Nabiyev, the for-

mer communist leader who

was ousted as president in

September. No confirmation

Earlier reports from witnesses said machinegun fire

echoed through the city centre

after a night of sporadic shooting. One witness at the central Tajikistan hotel said that people were running away from the hotel. "There's

a helicopter gunship flying

just above," he said. Bursts of gunfire could be heard.

Hundreds of people have

been killed in fighting be-

tween Islamic forces defend-

ing the city and former communists in the former

Soviet republic since Mr

Nabivev was ousted. Russian

armed forces are guarding key buildings. General Vitali

Gritsan, a Russian command-

er. said fighting was going on in many parts of Dushanbe.

was available.

the situation was normal.

committee official said.

Hardliners reject Yeltsin's call for referendum

CONGRESS COMMENTARY

By ANNE MCELVOY

President Yeltsin's nine days of strife with the Congress of People's Deputies ended yesterday with a dramatic call to his countrymen to decide the fate of his embattled government and

its reforms.

It is a call to political arms that is likely to spell the end for one or the other of the opponents and unleashes a dangerous power battle at a time when the country's stability is weakened by inflation and social discord.

Mr Yeltsin's stirring speech made clear that he sees no chance of patching together a compromise with the legislature, and that the only hope for a continuation of reforms lies with an offensive against the forces of conservatism, ranging from the centre-right Civic Union to nationalist and communist extremists, against him.

The move to call a referendum, a previously unknown phenomenon in a country which has never before referred decisions on its fate to the people, was an option Mr Yeltsin had toyed with for some time, but which aides had told him risked provoking civil discord or even defeat.

discord or even defeat.

A furious Mr Yeltsin made the decision on Wednesday night without consulting the government after Congress had failed to elect Yegor Gaidar, the architect of economic reform, prime minister despite substantial concessions from the reformers. "The president's decision was unexpected." Mr Gaidar said. "He took it by himself. I think it is a very responsible but a risky

step."
In a short, angry speech to an assembly stumed into rare silence. Mr Yeltsin denounced Congress with invective pent up over days of sitting in symbolic dominance of the proceedings, helplessly watching one government resolution after another voted down. It culminated in the assembly taking his offer of parliamentary control of parliamentary control of four key ministries by failing to deliver the endorsement of Mr Gaidar, his

economic guru.

"I expected understanding — in reply there was glum silence or aggressive dissatisfaction," he said.

"The walls of this hall have blushed from endiess insults and foul language, from hatred and rudeness... from the filth that fills Congress due to the morbid ambitions of bankrupt politicians."

The ferocity of Mr Yeltsin's attack which included a denunciation of Ruslan Khasbulatov, the manipulative Congress chairman, makes it difficult to see how any compromise can be reached, despite the appeals of the constitutional court that both sides should heal the rift before a constitutional conflict widens into a violent one. The Yeltsin camp has moved

quickly to take the battle to the streets with a mass demonstration planned on Red Square today. Mr Yeltsin is going for the opposition's jugular in

The hardliners rejected the idea of a referendum that would risk affecting their swift obsolescence. and suggested fresh elections to the presidency and Congress instead. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, said he intended to fight to save Congress, and accused Mr Yeltsin of provoking destabilisation by his attack on the legislature.

In r Yeltsin clearly accepted this risk when he took on the legislature and believes that despite the difficulties of reform, he can pull the public behind him when the crunch comes. The open split in the ranks of power increases the danger of military involvement at a time when many army men are dissatisfied with their standard of living and the decline in Russia's power.

While Pavel Grachev, the defence minister and considered a hardliner, denied that the army would become involved, his statement that "we are on the side of the law and the constitution" was far from being a convincing oath of allegiance to Mr Yeltsin.



save Congress

since Congress is also appealing to its constitutionally anchored role in its

ln a rare flurry of selfcriticism. Mr Yeltsin damned his attempts to appease Congress with compromises and deals as "a waste of time" and admitted that some concessions were unjustifiable. Many of his supporters

Many of his supporters were dissatisfied with his performance, feeling that he had allowed the opposition to make the running. With either prescience or a well-placed leak, the progovernment Moskovsky Komsolets asked in yesterday's edition: "Yeltsin's behaviour at Congress has been much too peaceful, passive and listless. Where is the unpredictability when we need it?"

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Revolutionary leader takes his case to the workers

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's Zil roared through the gates of the Lenin Komsomol car factory in southern Moscow yesterday afternoon to the amazement of the afternoon shift. Most of the 10,000 employees were unaware of the constitutional crisis brewing a few miles away in the Kremlin.

The Russian leader had sped from delivering his "me or Congress" ultimatum to the nearest, biggest factory floor, with a heavy police and security presence in pursuit.

In a scene which could have come from Eisenstein, cinema's eulogist of the 1917 revolution, workers in blue overalls downed tools and jostled their way along the ramps and walkways of the giant shop floor to hear his message. It was as if a piece of Russian history had walked into their lives. Burly welders pushed young women in headscarves to the front and the whisper, "Can you see him? Does he look all right?"

spread through the crowd.

If there were remaining doubts that here was a politician who relished a power struggle, they were dispelled

by the fire in Mr Yeltsin's eyes and his confident waves on a rapid march-about addressing the workers who had been unable to leave their posts.

This was the great inspirer, railying support aginst a hated foe. It was the Yeltsin who took on the Communist party and won—and has every intention of similarly dispatching the Congress. His sonorous bass easily conquering the thrumming echo of the machinery. Mr Yeltsin appealed to his listeners to collect signatures demanding a referendum on who runs the country.

"I have to address the people directly because the situation at Congress was fraught with danger for reform," he said, and urged the workers: "Take the lead in staying calm and thinking carefully. This must not turn into a civil war."

Trailed by a vast posse, he strode the ramps to cries of "Good luck Boris Nikolayevich," and "We're behind you." The factory, which makes Moskvitch saloon cars, boasts better conditions than at most plants in the decrepit industrial belt. Wages are

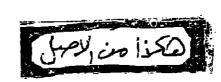
comparatively high. An assembly-line worker earns 15,000 roubles (£23) a month plus incentives, and most of its workers are well-disposed to

workers are well-disposed to radical reform.

But many speakers invited onto the platform beside Mr Yeltsin hinted at grievances he will hear less politely from more troubled enterprises. "Commercial freedom does not mean anything to me." one welder said. "Your reforms have made the mafia very rich but what does the ordinary worker have from them? We need more control over the reform process." Mr Yeltsin, who had been listening attentively and joining in the laughter at quips and sly

criticisms, winced.

"We must be able to see a change in our standard of living. Then we'll support you." one woman cried. "You must be patient," replied Mr Yelsin. "You don't want a return to the old ways with apparatchiks running your factory, do you?" The crowd cheered him and produced a pro-government resolution calling on other workforces to give the reforms more time.



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ATTRACTOR

French kill two Somalis at Mogadishu roadblock

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

AS FRENCH troops reportedly killed two Somalis in Mogadishu yesterday, warring clans in rural areas of the country were told by America that their fighting would not prevent the rapid expansion of Operation Restore Hope to the country's war and famineravaged interior. The Pentagon's warning was issued as Lieutenant General Robert Johnston, the field command-er of the US-led armed relief effort in Somalia, arrived in the capital.

Although acknowledging that the fighting between clans in outlying cities and areas was a problem. Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, said on his way to the Nato defence ministers' meeting in Brussels that the clashes presented no immediate threat to US forces pouring into the country to guarantee that aid gets through. He forecast that, as American troops pushed out from Mogadishu, gun-battles between the clans would subside.

A US embassy official in Nairobi could not confirm that a meeting had been arranged at the embassy in Mogadishu between President Ali Mahdi Muhammad and his rival, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid.

As detachments from the First Marine Expeditionary Force, which will form the backbone of Operation Restore Hope, began to arrive in Mogadishu, signs appeared that not all the inhabitants are pleased to see the foreign

troops.
The two Somalis were killed when French legionnaires re-portedly opened fire on a lorry near a checkpoint in central Mogadishu. Six Somalis were injured. "They fired on the legionnaires and the legion-naires responded," Major Gerard Massot said. "The vehicle continued careering along the road and crashed into a wall."

The incident was the most serious since American and French troops arrived in Mogadishu on Wednesday morning. French troops at a checkpoint also shot at a man who raised a gun towards them on Wednesday night, but nobody was injured. Also on Wednesday night, gunfire was reported near the compound of the US embassy, now occupied by marines. Late on Wednesday night, American helicopters flying over the city were fired at.

Fighting between feuding warlords has fallen off around Mogadishu, according to the Pentagon. However an in-



Getting tough: a French legionnaire orders a Somali out of his car in a search for weapons at a checkpoint between Mogadishu and the airport yesterday. It was at a similar checkpoint that two Somalis were reported to have been killed and six injured

crease in fighting between armed factions has been detected in the north, west and

south of the country. Relief workers reported that large convoys of "technicals". the Mad Max-type armed vehicles favoured by Somali gunmen, were seen leaving the capital and Baidoa, to the west, and heading for rural areas along the border with

Lieutenant General Martin Brandtner, the director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on Wednesday night that the greatest danger

Galsworthy, his British opposite number, called on China

for US troops probably would come from young Somali gunmen who had weapons but no allegiance to any of the main clan leaders who have been cooperating with the US military intervention. "We must understand that we're dealing with an extremely dangerous situa-tion," he said. "We have a lack of any form of civil control. The risk here is from individuals moving about who are armed, and who are not necessarily of sound judgment, so there is an enormous potential for any type of event

The original plan for the US marines to open a corridor to Baidoa, where there is a refugee camp and an airstrip, may be changed. The first objective may be to secure the airstrip at Bale Dogle before moving into Baldoa. Lt Gen Brandmer said on Wednesday that this possible planning alteration had nothing to do with reports of fierce fighting in Baidoa in the past few days but was based on the comparative quality of the two

Although marines have confiscated some weapons found in vehicles at checkpoints, the Pentagon has not decided if it should mount a potentially explosive general effort to dis-

arm the Somali dans. American officials also seem perplexed about what powers US troops should assume they have over Somalis. The troops can fire at those who show "hostile intent", but it was unclear yesterday whether or not they can arrest and hold them. At a news conference in Mogadishu, Robert Oakley, the US ambassador, said it was a "tough call", adding: "At the moment the US com-

tablishing ourselves as a police force. And I'm not quite sure on what legal grounds we can arrest Somali citizens."

Bush administration officials also seemed to contradict themselves over how long US forces would need to stay in Somalia. Mr Cheney said on Wednesday that they could possibly start withdrawing by the end of January. But yester-day. Herman Cohen, the assistant secretary of state for African affairs, talked in terms of US forces remaining in the

Vanunu questions rebuffed

By MICHAEL BINYON. DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, visiting Brit-ain, yesterday turned aside questions about Mordechai Vanunu, the imprisoned israeli nuclear scientist, saying outsiders had no right to pass judgment on a person who did what he did for money.

"He is a citizen of Israel, not Britain," Mr Rabin said. He said Israel had never intervened in a foreign court decision when a Jewish citizen had broken the law. Vanunu was kidnapped by Israeli agents in Rome after talking to The Sunday Times while in Britain in 1986, and imprisoned for 18 years for revealing nuclear secrets.

On the peace process, Mr Rabin said agreement be-tween Israel and one Arab party would be achieved next year. "I am not pessimistic," he said. On Wednesday he said the West had only about three years to curb Iranian-backed Islamic fundamentalism which was spreading throughout the Middle East and was trying to wreck the peace talks through the Pales-

tinian Hamas movement.

Nabatiyeh: A bomb exploded east of Nabatiyeh on the edge of Israel's self-declared security zone in Lebanon yesterday, wounding four members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army. The Syrian-backed Amal movement claimed responsibility. Israel retaliated, shelling a ridge used by pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas. Two boys were injured. (Reuter)

NEWS MADE EX

Judge rules sperm be destroyed

Los Angeles: A judge ruled that a man could not will his sperm to his girlfriend and ordered that it be destroyed. The will of William Kane, a millionaire lawyer who committed suicide, is being contested by his children.

Judge Edward Ross stayed and said: "We're forging new frontiers because science has run ahead of common law. We've got to have some appel-

Deborah Hecht, Kane's girlfriend, wept and said: "I really want his baby." (Reuter)

Help sought

Oslo: Rigoberta Menchu, the Guatemalan Indian leader, above, accepting the 1992 Nobel peace prize, called for inter-national help to end her country's 30-year guerrilla war and eradicate human rights abuses. Peace talks have been deadlocked for months. Ms Menchu, 33, urged greater efforts to stamp out racism and discrimination against all indigenous peoples. (Reuter)

Test for Husain

Cairo: King Husain of Jordan, piloting his own plane, left Amman for medical tests in the United States to determine whether he has been cured of cancer after having an operation there in August.

Rioters halted

Sanaa: Rioting in Yemen spread to the capital where police fired shots in the air to stop demonstrators reaching the presidential palace. The trouble flared in Taiz in protests over price rises. (Reuter)

Militia retreats

Kabul: Former communist militia withdrew from some positions in Kabul and a senior commander said negotiations were under way, but more government troops and tanks were deployed. (Reuter)

Rescuers die

La Paz: At least ten relief workers, trying to reach the Bolivian mining town of Llipi where 100 people were buried in a mudslide, were killed when their bus plunged off a diff. (AP)

Imports ban

Baghdad: Iraqis thronged the capital before a deadline to remove 146 imported goods from shops, such as electrical goods and beer. The ban is aimed at concentrating hard currency reserves on essential imports. (Reuter)

Last stand

Grand Junction: A Colorado cowboy, who was in a wheel-chair for six years after being paralysed, got his dying wish. Jimmy Dale Struble, 49, was i-ried standing up, with his boots on. (AP)

Hong Kong talks on transition stall

BRITAIN'S relations with could be reviewed. Anthony China soured still further vesterday, when high-level negotiations over Hong Kong's transition to Chinese rule broke up without an agreed final statement for the first time in seven years.

After three days of acrimonious talks here, diplomats complained that there had been no progress on any of the questions outstanding in the final years of British colonial rule.

The Chinese delegation accused Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, of undermining the basis for cooperation with his proposal for democratic reforms which China rejects as a breach of agreements with Britain. Guo Fengmin, leader of the Chinese team on the Sino-British joint liaison group, said Mr Patten must withdraw his plans for broadening the franchise for Hong Kong's partly elected legislature before cooperation and negotiation



Patten: must withdraw

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

to discuss Mr Patten's proposals "without preconditions". Despite the deadlock, China did not stage a walkout as many Hong Kong officials had feared, and left the door open for further talks on other issues. Mr Guo said there was

> its previous agreements. He issued a warning that if the British government refused to return to the pace of democratic development set out in the basic law. Hong Kong's post-1997 constitu-China would have to "start all over again" when it took control. He did not elaborate but it is believed that China would reverse Mr Patten's reforms and hold new elections in 1997 instead of letting the pre-handover legislature remain in office until

no point in negotiating with

Britain if it was going to scrap

☐ Clinton rebuffed: A Chinese official last night rejected Bill Clinton's offer of a possible American role in easing the Sino-British controversy over Hong Kong, describing the president-elect's comments as inappropriate. Zheng Guoxiong, a deputy director of

Xinhua news agency, China's de facto embassy in the colony, said: "The Hong Kong issue is something between China and Britain before June 30 1997 and it will be the Chinese government's inter-nal affair after 1997." (Reuter)

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FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

he Indian government last night banned three extremist Hindu organisations and two hardline Muslim groups in an increasingly tough response to religious violence following the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque last Sunday.

The government named the hanned Hindu organisations as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal. The Muslim groups declared illegal are the Jamaati-Islami and the Islamic

Swayamsevak. As violence continued across India the death toll rose to well over 800. Most victims are Muslims. There are fears of more trouble today after Friday prayers. The death toll in communal clashes in Bangladesh rose to 11 yesterday as thou-sands of militant Muslims set fire to Hindu-owned

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the

Indian prime minister, all but admitted to Eyewitness video news organisation yesterday that he was the victim of an orchestrated campaign of deception by Hindu hardliners in the weeks before the destruction of the

He said he felt betrayed after he had received assurances from the state government of Uttar Pradesh that the mosque would be pro-tected. He had ordered 192 companies of paramilitary forces — about 12,000 men - to be on standby but the state government refused to deploy them.

A ccording to Mr Rao, a magistrate accompanying the forces refused permission to let them enter the city and told them to return to barracks. If Mr Rao's account is contect, it confirms suspicions that the attack was planned at a high level within the Uttar Pradesh government, run by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

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Tiny Rowland, the controversial head of Lonrho, has said he is to stand down and sell half his stake. But, Tom Bower asks, could he have a secret agenda?

Just a Tiny shadow of doubt

Rowland's last stand began to spread at the beginning of the week Speaking to a disgruntled Lonrho shareholder, the ubiquitous Paul Spicer, Lonrho's spokesman, related in unusually unguarded terms: "Tiny's had a terrible attack of asthma and says he's sick of Lonrho. He says he wants to get

The gossip spread fast. Few Rowland watchers could believe that the rebel tycoon who, over 30 years, has transformed a £1 million unprofitable ranching and mining company in Rhodesia into a £3 billion international conglomerate, was doing other than planting another ruse. But Wednesday's

announcement that Mr Rowland Lonrho's intends to sell half his stake to Dieter Bock, a German accounts property developer, seemed to confirm always evoke the unbelievable: that the 75-year-old speculation. chief executive of Britain's most in-Now they are vestigated public company was planastonishing ning to bow out. Except that it is

most unlikely. Behind the headlines is the far more exciting rumour that Mr Rowland is once again pulling a brilliant coup. Just as in the 1970s, when he attracted Kuwaiti oil millions to save Lonrho's beleaguered fortunes, his oozing charm has lured Herr Bock, a German with possibly more money than sense, to invest in a company built upon secrets and sand which only Mr Rowland really knows how to control and how to save.

Herr Bock should be careful. Mr Rowland, as his devoted wife Josie knows, is married to Lonrho and, unlike the Windsors, divorce is inconceivable. But even the best marriages occasionally require an

outside liaison to survive. The last victim of Mr Rowland's lament that he was 'tired' and wanted to "hand over to a younger man" was Alan Bond, the Australian businessman. When the Aus-

published an analysis of Bond's empire which pushed his erstwhile friend towards bankruptcy. Another of Rowland's former friends turned adversory is Mohamed Fayed, who thought that by paying Lonrho £138 mil-lion for a 29.9 per cent stake in House of Fraser he had concluded a straightforward transaction. But Mr Rowland was infuriated by Mr Fayed's unexpected bid for the whole store group. Now Mr Fayed has been pursued in a breathtaking £25 million campaign, translated into many languages. And there are many more victims of Tiny's

The deal with Herr Bock was born of an awful inevitability. Lonrho's precarious finances have been the company's bugbear ever since Mr Rowland took over Lontho in 1961. Among the

Lourho directors in the 1960s and 1970s were those of Tiny, sitting in the Cheapside board-room, cheekily announcing the ar's profits. They following year's profits. They watched as he scribbled on the back

of an envelope the figures above the line to produce his forecast. Mr Rowland's creative accountancy worked until the recession really started, the cash flow decreased and the value of Lonrho's assets were seriously marked down. Towards the end of several recent

financial years, Lonrho has faced a crisis which Mr Rowland has parried with his quip, "don't worry, something will turn up". This year Herr Bock turned up but Lonrho's deeper problems remain. Lonrho's accounts have always

evoked speculation and some suspicion but this year they are astonishing. Only six months ago, Lonrho, worth only £500 million on the stock exchange, announced total debts of £850 million. Since then the company has sold £500 million of assets but the debts have rise by



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almost £100 million to £947 million That leaves a lot for Jim Butler. the senior partner at the accountants Peat Marwick, Lonrho's auditor since 1972, to explain.

Like all maverick tycoons, the ingenuity and loyalty of accountants has been critical to the survival of this remarkable buccaneer who has built an empire based upon the admiration and trust of politicians and presidents across Africa and even in the United States. His hubris is in Britain where accounts of his life, part constructed upon myth, part concealment and some distortion have evoked distrust in the City, envy in the Foreign Office and a loathing by Margaret Thatcher and a clutch of successive secretaries of state at the Department of Trade and

Mr Rowland's quixotic relationship with Britain, its politicians and institutions, is a reflection of both the strengths and terminable weaknesses of our society. The intriguing conundrum is whether Tiny scorns his adopted country because he has been unfairly treated or whether Britain is right to suspect a nuthless

schemer. He was born in an internment camp in India in 1917, of a German father and Anglo-Dutch mother, and named Roland Fuhrhop. Twenty one years later he changed his name and tried to forget his background. Educated in Handburg, Mr Rowland spent his. last school year, 1935, at a school near Petersfield where he was know as "Fritz Fuhrhop" and suspected

of having pm-German sentiments. This led to his wartime internment on the Isle of Man and a source of resentment. His post-war fortune was confiscated by the

Inland Revenue. Like many entre-

preneurs, dislusioned by socialist austerity he emigrated in 1948 to Rhodesia hungry for fame and a new fortune.

At the age of 31, Mr Rowland had learnt that the best deals were earned with the help of politicians. His investment in black Africa when everyone else was selling for a pittance was remarkably astute at the time but proved shortsighted over the long term. Yet many of his deals were dobious and won him resentment or contempt in Salisbury. The very quality which he marshalled to transform Lonrho during the 1960s into a major company, namely, a charming and often energetic disregard for the rules led to Edward Heath's fam-ous condemnation in 1975 that Lourho was the "unpleasant and unacceptable face of capitalisms". Mr Rowland was blind to the realities of British political life and

believed that he was also immune to regulation. Those fundamental misunderstandings, concealed beneath his impeccable spoken English and immaculate Savile Row suits, has bedevilled his career ever

Mr Rowland believes that many of the British are hypocrites. His exposure of how the trade and industry department failed to regulate the Fayed takeover for House of Fraser prove his point. But it also proves that he will broke no opposition or contradiction. Like all buccaneers, he has a propensity to be a tyrant. But jetting around Africa to broker peace in Mozambique and Sudan, consulting with the State Department and the German foreign ministry, Mr Rowland wants his place in history. His arguments are explained in The Observer, purchased by Lonrho in 1981 and used to

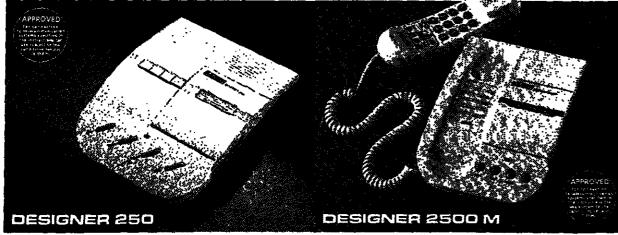
reproduce Rowland's case, which is another reason why he will never release the reins at Lontho.

But the cost of his politicking and obsessive battle against the Fayeds was to miss genuine growth in the 1980s. Now he is paying the price. But the board of his beloved company is bereft of the talent it needs or a successor to rescue his creation from its maker's mistakes. Enter Dieter Bock who, without a seat on Lonrho's board, thinks that equipped with his experience in property, he can realise the profits of gold mines in Ghana, wattle in Kenya and Cattle in Botswana. Now Tiny has bought some more time for his marriage. And then, Auf Wiedersehen Herr Bock?

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Black sheep and little brothers

Will Roger Clinton break a

long tradition

and not be an embarrassment?

n an emotional televison in an emotional televisori interview recently. Roger Clinton, the 36-year-old half-brother of Bill Clinton, described the president-elect as his "father, best-friend, guardian and protector". The next president of the United States may also turn out to be the passport to stardom for the younger Clinton, whose career has been as troubled as his brother's has been smooth.

An aspiring rock musician, Roger Clinton spent most of last week in New York negotiating with record companies and was reported to be on the verge of a lucrative deal with Atlantic Records. Meanwhile, the New York literary agent. Mort Janklow, has been touting a book proposal provisionally entitled My Life with Big Brother, at the starting price of about \$300.000 (£197,000).

"Everybody and his brother wants to talk to me now," Roger Clinton told the New York Post. In fact, everyone wants to talk to Roger Clinton because of his brother.

There is almost no American president in history who not, at one time or another, suffered acute embarrassment because of the behavour of his family, and presidential brothers have often been the greatest liabilities of all. So far, Roger Clinton has proved a political asset (Bill Clinton made the suffering he and his brother endured at the hands of an abusive and alcoholic step-father, Roger's natural father, a central part of his cam-paign), but cynical observers say that, given his past record; that could easily change. While the elder Clinton was

ascending the heights of politics. Roger was dropping out of college, working the nightclub circuit and then winding up in series of dead-end jobs. In his twenties he developed a chronic cocaine habit and in 1984 he was arrested in a drug sting (authorised by his elder brother, the governor of



He's not heavy. Roger Clinton (right) with his mother, as brother takes the oath as governor

Arkansas) and sentenced to two years in prison, of which he served one.

After rehabilitation sessions (some of which were attended by Bill Clinton and their mother, Virginia Kelley), Rog-er Clinton went back to the fringes of the music business. He now lives in North Hollywood and is employed as a warm-up act for two television

sit-coms.

Despite one relapse into his old ways in 1987, Roger Clinton now claims to have kicked his bad habits for good. and he is confident that stardom is near at hand: "I have a lot of God-given charisma," he

says. Most presidential brothers have tended to behave, as Sulton Cheesewright said of Bertie Wooster in P.G. Wodehouse's phrase, more like "sailors in a Marseilles bistro" than anything else.
Billy Carter, President Car-

ter's brother, set a record for bad behaviour while his brother was in the White House that will be hard to equal. Billy's fondness for beer, profanity and racist remarks were a source of deep embarrassment to the president. In the midst of the 1980 election campaign, he accepted \$220,000 from Libya to help improve the country's image in America - a mistake which, President Carter later wrote, "was wreaking havoc with our efforts to deal with everything

else on the political scene". Billy Carter, who died of cancer in 1982, once referred touchingly to his own status as the family's black sheep: "I've got a mother who joined the

Peace Corps at 68, a brother who wants to be president, a sister who is a holy-roller preacher ... I'm the only sane one in the family."

Roger Clinton responds angrily to comparisons with Billy: "Why don't they talk about the last two years of his life, when he was so courageous?" he said recently. When he travelled around the country at his own expense counselling people with termi-

yndon Johnson's brother, the amiable "profes-sional rascal" Sam Houston Johnson, was also familiar with the bottle and during his regular forays on the town (he lived in the White House under the beady eye of his dominating brother) he was always accompanied by secret service agents. "He would go on a toot," LRI's friend Horace Busby said. They might last days or months or years."

Possibly the second most embarrassing moment in Richard Nixon's polical career involved his brother Donald, a jolly, rotund and spectacularly unsuccessful businessman. In 1956 the

lent Donald Nixon \$205,000 to open a chain of fast-food restaurants, which promptly

went bust During the 1960 election campaign. Donald was virtually hidden from sight, but Richard Nixon was still dogged by charges that the indus-trialist Hughes had received unduly favourable treatment from federal agencies because of the loan, which was never

Even George Bush has not been immune. Younger brother William Bush was said to have been instrumental in persuading the president to choose Malta as a summit venue to further his own business interests, while alleged connections between President Bush's foreign policy and his brother Prescon's Far Eastern business concerns

cropped up repeatedly. So far Bill Clinton has done nothing to keep his brother out of the spotlight, but the First Brother-elect might be forgiven for feeling that with such predecessors the historical cards are already stacked

against him. On the other hand, if he wants a role model, he might be advised to look no further than Neil "Moon" Reagan, elder brother of Ronald. whose main contribution to his brother's presidency was his anonymity.

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Bless their house, O Lord, we pray

Elizabeth Longford, biographer of the Queen and the Queen Mother, is convinced of the Prince of Wales's unwavering determination to be a good king but believes he will now have to create a new model royal family

or an author to write a book of unexpectedly topical significance is fortunate. To be writing the final chapter of a book called Royal Throne: The Future of the Monarchy, as Elizabeth Longford was this week at the moment when the electric message came from Westminster, must be something of a

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She had thought the book might be a pleasant occupation for her 87th year. Instead, every time she turns on the news she has to rewrite a chapter. Now, she says, "I shall have to go through and change the tenses from 'might' to 'did'."

All through the revelation-packed summer, it seemed the monarchy was collapsing, "and if it had all happened at once, I would have collapsed with it. As it was, with each new story Frank [Lord Longford] would bring back bundles of tabloids, explaining to the are for my wife'. Each time one thought, 'Well, now that's over;

now we start again', but it nev-The idea came from the publisher John Curtis at Hodder & Stoughton. "At the time he could not have known anything about what was about to happen, any more than I did. He commissioned me at the end of May, exactly a week before the balloon went up." ie, the serialisation of Andrew Morton's Diana: Her True Story. which Lady Longford reviewed for The Times with some distaste: 'Morton has an unkind word for

almost everyone." almost everyone.

"When I signed the contract I wrote immediately to various people, including members of the royal family, to ask if they would give me interviews. My letter must have arrived on all their desks at the moment of all this horror. So they must have thought I'd taken leave of my senses, without even apologising or even mentioning it." Yet everyone replied, and most including the Prince of Wales agreed to see the biographer of Wellington and Queen Victoria, who had already written lives of the Queen and the Queen Mother.

After her "quite long" interview with Prince Charles her admiration for him greatly increased. "I think we are incredibly lucky to have

he had been surprised to hear the prime minister say that there was no reason why the Princess of Wales should not be crowned queen: historically this is entirely up to the king to decide. Her eldest daughter Antonia Fraser, whose Six Wives of Henry VIII is in its fifth month on the bestseller list, was one of the first to ring up after the broadcast from the House of Commons, and make this point. "Only two of Henry VIII's wives - Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn, who was heavily pregnant - were actually crowned. Jane Seymour would have been crowned, but for the plague. The other three were never crowned.

"And what makes the announcement more extraordinary is the story of George IV. When he tried to get divorced from his wife Caroline, and failed, he got his own back by refusing to allow her to be crowned at his coronation. Al-though she was Queen Caroline of right because she was still married to George IV, she could not be crowned except by his wish. So there was this tragic and ludicrous scene of her rushing round the Abbey banging on the doors, locked out and trying to get in, and finally dying about three weeks later. A terrible story. But it rather alters what we heard on Wednesday. Assuming that they are still separated, not divorced - and this may be in 20 years' time or more it will be in Charles's discretion, and in that time much may have

I had just heard an LBC radio poll in which 88 per cent of listeners felt that the princess should not be crowned. "Good." said Lady Longford. "I'm pleased about that. I don't think it would be good for the country to have a separated king and queen, or good for the strength of the monarchy." What is the strength of the

monarchy? "A year ago I like everybody else would have said it stood for the ideal of the family. It encouraged people to see the country as one great family despite their differ-ences. But now the word 'family' has become inappropriate in that archetypal, idealistic sense. And I think to have a separated king and queen would just emphasise that

sad development.

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"Still, I believe the monarchy itself is just as important as ever. it unites the nation and stands for our history and our aspirations for the future. But I think was Andrew Roberts, that excellent young man who wrote the life of Lord Halifax, who said that Queen Victoria was very Ill-advised to make the monarchy's power

depend on being a wonderful family, and that human beings could never keep that

up.
"I suppose people were still thinking of the poor example of George IV, and kept telling Victoria how wonderful she and Albert were with their admirable brood of children, and this convinced her that it was their excellent family life which made them so popular. So it became almost her motto. But it never had been the way of the monarchy, and could never be."

She can perfectly well imagine the princess remaining un-crowned and the prince reigning as a bachelor king. Yet there has been constant doubt about whether in fact he actually wants to be king at

"I'm convinced that he does," she says. "Everything he does makes me feel he is absolutely dedicated to being a good king. He is preparing himself with a thoroughness as has never before been known. One may not agree with all his views but he knows what he believes. He wants to be a real king to the whole country, not just a figurehead, someone who really understands people's problems. He wants to feel that he is doing good, hence the Prince's Trust. He seeks out people others might find too difficult to deal with. His projects are very nonracial, and aim to unite communities. Without Prince Charles none of these initiatives would have existed. He raises all the money himself, which alone would be enough labour for most people: but then he goes round and visits them and talks to them.

"Frank and I went to a seminar on young offenders in Pentonville, where the prince and the home secretary and four young offenders all made speeches. I was delighted when the prince showed his humanity by commenting on the hardness of the chairs. They were Lady Longford, seated foreground, with her husband and three generations of family: no marriage can succeed if you have one black card and one white card, she says two white cards, were luckily not. with memories of the abdication.

prison chapel, and we all felt the same; it was 'the prince and the chair instead of the princess and

the pea."
The Longfords are a most remarkable couple. Not just for their sprightly togetherness in their mideighties, and their industry (Lord L was attending the Sudan debate in the Lords that day, but might very well have been on some windswept railway station, visiting a lifer in some distant godforsaken prison) but for being a sort of national monument to marriage. They met at Oxford and have just celebrated their 61st anniversary. The secret of their total interdependence is that each thinks the other easy to live with. He says she is always happy. She says he is entirely uncomplaining, and unconcerned with creature comforts. The fact is, as she once said to me, no marriage can succeed if you have one black card and one white card. The Waleses

were incompatible. The Longfords,

The pair are having their portrait painted in the new year for the National Portrait Gallery by Lucy Willis, the winner of this year's award for the best portrait painter. Lady Longford typically says the gallery probably wanted a portrait of her husband, but "they decided to throw me in too". Behind Lady Longford, among the pictures on the wall of her small Chelsea flat, is a striking portrait of Queen Victoria in which every pen-stroke is a letter, forming a history of her reign, "Every word is legible," she says,

presented to her by the staff of the publishers Weidenfeld on the publication of her book Victoria R.I. Some members of the royal family still believe it is the great duty of the family to set an example to others. "But if you insist on perfection in any family you'll be disappointed. They can't be models in that sense. They are human, and we want them to be human, that's

"if you have a magnifying glass")

the paradox. On the other hand if too many of them become antimodels or counter-models, that can damage the whole institution of

hen the Yorks broke up, Lord St John of Fawsley said that it was a good thing that the royal family should be so like ordinary families who invariably experience divorce. But if in 20 years' time there were no single example of a lasting happy marriage in this generation of the immediate family, would she not find that distressing? "I think by that time, we might begin to see whether the second marriages are happy; and if they are, we'll take comfort from that." (The Longfords, a Roman Catholic family in which four of the seven children have been through a divorce, are much heartened by their children's happy second marriages.)

As the century wears on, those

been Labour candidate for Kings Norton, a Birmingham seat. I was in Birmingham at the house of one of my uncles" — her mother's uncle was Joseph Chamberlain — "and he put on the wireless and we heard the 'the woman I love' speech. I just could not believe this was the King speaking. I thought it sounded like the writer of romantic articles in a woman's magazine. I could not believe the king of England could speak like that. It seemed so undignified. But once the age of radio and television had dawned. everybody's heart was dragged on to their sleeve whether they wanted

exactly 56 years ago, become fewer.

"I remember it vividly. I must have

it there or not." A historian must have a sense of erspective, and Lady Longford is the first to recognise that our kings "have not all been St Georges,

fighting our dragons.

"But because I felt that a king makes sacrifices for his country, as

another three years' time, I was shocked and disillusioned. And I would have been very surprised if he and Wallis Simpson had come back to this country: that a king should return to his native land after abdicating is totally against the rules of royalty." The disillusion was swept away

many people were about to do in

by "Elizabeth and Bertie" whose sense of duty has now passed to their grandson, in whom Lady Longford plainly invests the utmost "I hope we give Prince Charles

the encouragement and devotion we have always given to the Queen
- who is totally different but marvellous in her own way too."

She had been astonished by the Queen's heartfelt words at her City of London speech. "I was amazed that she turned up at all. Her voice was so heartrending. How interesting to discover that the correspondent who wrote to her about her annus horribilis has now been been unearthed as that terribly nice man Sir Edward Ford, her former assistant private secretary."

As the Bishop of York emphasised, the fact that the prince is separated will not prevent him from being head of the Church of England. Even divorce would not stop him. Re-marriage would be different we can't know what the position would be if he re-married, and we can't rule out the possibility that he might wish to. I think, perhaps, he might. But how do I

She has to deliver her manuscript by December 31, which has stopped her from doing any Christ-mas shopping at all. The book is due to come out on the 40th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, next June 2. But Mr Curtis might consider rushing it out sooner, in view of events. The final question the book asks is, will the monarchy survive? Lady Longford is certain that it will.





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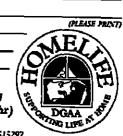
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After the separation, a battle royal about the future of the monarchy will take a generation to resolve, writes Matthew d'Ancona

hen George IV was crowned in 1821, he was so frightened of the mob's reaction to the exclusion of Queen Caroline, that he hired the great pugilists John Jackson and Thomas Cribb as bodyguards, decked out in gold and scarlet finery to soften

their thuggish appearance.

The lavish speciacle of the coronation cost Parliament nearly a quarter of a million pounds but was marred by the arrival of the Queen and what Croker described as "a shabby mob", which narrowly failed to sneak her into Westminster Abbey through a side door. A fortnight later the Queen was dead, killed by shame and an overdose of magnesia. The King could at last be hailed ironically by Byron as

the Messiah of royalty. Mobs no longer riot at corona-tions: even if the Prince of Wales is crowned alone 20 years hence, he is unlikely to need the services of a Lennox Lewis or Frank Bruno to

The Crown and the constitution But, if Andrew Morton's biography is to be trusted (and one has to think now that it can), the princess crowd. But the Hanoverian vi-gnette illustrates the reality that the British monarchy is a weather-vane

> be crowned. If the separation is merely the prelude to divorce, things will get messier. The prince would have to seek the blessing of the sovereign to remarry under the 1772 Royal Marriages Act. If refused, he could then approach the Privy Council and Parliament for permission, risking a split between Queen, Lords and Commons. A second marriage would probably be civil and thus jeopardise the heir's future position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

herself is convinced she will never

But even if the divorced heir remained single, his relationship. with the church might be problemaric. Since the split with Rome, only George I, divorced from his cousin Sophia, has succeeded to the throne in similar circumstances; and, as the first monarch in a new dynasty. he offers a poor precedent for the Prince of Wales.

the church has rushed in with reassurances that the monarch's role as Supreme Governor is ex officio only, and that the 1701 Act of Settlement simply requires the sovereign to be a communicant Anglican. Separation and divorce would therefore be no obstacle. But this is a minimalist reading of the sovereign's function in the church, dashed out in the heat of a crisis. It conveniently ignores the ubiquitous references to the monarch's spiritual leadership

in the bishop's oath, for instance
and the long history of sovereigns and consorts who have embraced that role.

The examples of Edward VIII and Princess Margaret, both of whom were presented with a stark choice between their claims to the throne and marriage to a divorced person, would also become more pertinent as the prospect of a divorced Charles III grew closer. Such a dilemma could, of course, be avoided by a snap disestablishment of the church or Prince Charles's renunciation of the throne. But here speculation should cease. The point is that all these questions are, to some extent, mal posées. By seeking "constitutional" answers, they reify a constitution which is not only unwritten but

chameleon-like in adapting itself to the needs of each age. Thus, Thomas Cromwell and his

master Henry VIII are often said to have entrenched forever the sovereignty of king-in-Parliament. Yet, less than a century later, James I and his Lord Chancellor Ellesmere were crafting absolutist doctrines of kingship appropriate to the needs of Stuart government. Walter Bagehot's great version of

the constitution, on the other band, owed much to the social Darwin-ism of the Victorian era, in its belief that the "dignified" part of the constitution made the social hierarchy comprehensible to those in its lowest strata. In the same way, passionate Unionism underpinned A.V. Dicey's doctrines. There are no authorities in British constitudinand Mount has aptly described this as "flexibility in search of permanence" and 50 years from monarchy today will doubtless find its place in that fluid definition. The independence of the Prince

and Princess of Wales may well herald a vigorous competition to mould the monarchy for their children - in one camp, his discreet Bagehoxian vision of a king expecting "to be consulted, to encourage and to warn"; in the other, her much flashier mix of media-manipulation and medieval good works.

Along the way, attitudes and protocol will surely change. More questions will be asked and these will get tetchier as deferential shock fades. Above all, it is absurd to suggest that the paranswers offered this week are etched in stone. Between the status quo and a new republic, there is all to play for. This battle royal has only just begun.

A formula for failure

Lord Mackenzie-Stuart on a flaw at the heart of the Maastricht treaty

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ubsidiarity is one of the manv neologisms spawned by the European Community. It is shorthand for the principle that decisions affecting the lives and conduct of the citizen should be taken as close to the individual affected as may be reasonably possible — an obvious maxim of

However, subsidiarity, became a vogue word in the discussions preceding the setting up of the intergovernmental conference which drafted the Maastricht treaty. Subsidarity was to be "a way of reconciling what for many appears

to be irreconcilable: the emergence of a united Europe and loyalty to one's homeland; the described need for a European power capa-ble of tackling the the chosen problems of our definition as age and the absolute necessity to pregobbledygook serve our roots in the shape of our nations and reand see no gions," as Jacques Delors said in a reason to speech at Bruges in October, 1989. alter my view For some politi-

cians, fearful of what they regard as the contagious miasma of Brussels, better achieved by the Communagainst the encroaching disease. The Maastricht treaty has tried to give effect to these aspirations in its Article 3 (b). The result is, to say the least of it, unfortunate. In the first place Article 3 attempts to elevate a maxim of sound administration into a series of legal rules. These rules will have to be interpreted, in any given case, not only by the European Court of Justice, but also by every national judge whose duty it is to consider a point of Commun-

This is, in effect, to ask judges to answer questions which are, by their nature, essentially political. Whether or not power to take a certain type of decision is best exercised at a central or at national level is a question which will almost certainly be susceptible of powerful argument either way, and the answer will depend on many factors incapable of judicial resolution. Nevertheless, the treaty places the burden of interpreting Article 3 (b) on the Court of Justice. It is fundamentally wrong that the court

should be put in this position. The court's task is, in any event, rendered almost impossible by the definition of subsidiarity given in the Maastricht treaty. I have described the chosen formula as "gobbledygook", and I see no reason to change my view.

Attempts to define subsidiarity as a legal proposition are legion, but they fall into two groups. The one uses what may be described as the "effectiveness" test. That is to say, is it more effective to take a certain type of decision at the centre? The other group of definitions uses the "necessity" test — is it necessary that the decision be taken centrally? The two tests are vastly different. It is easy enough to imagine activities which can be more effectively regulated by adopting a community solution, but where it cannot be affirmed that it is necessary so to do. Member states may be perfectly

buffeted by the winds of popular

approval, as much as a symbol of stability. In the last 48 hours a

gallery of experts has been called in

to diagnose the condition of the

body politic and reassure the Brit-

about to leave the Tower.

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The litary of questions arising

from the separation of the prince and princess is long and trouble-

some. There was an audible intake

Wednesday, when the prime minis-

ter announced that the princess could still become queen. Since a

queen consort has no formal consti-

tutional status, there is no constitu-

tional reason why she should not.

breath in the Commons on

capable of regulating the activity con-cerned even if it might be better regulated at the centre. The trouble is that the Maastricht text adopts both approaches simultaneously.

The second paragraph of Article 3
(b) directs that the Community shall take action, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, only if and in so far as the objective of the proposed action...can...be

ness test. The following paragraph. however, states "Any action by the Community shall not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of this treaty." This time it is the test of necessity which is to apply. No guidance is given for the resolution of this conflict.

There is now widespread recognition at governmental level that the Maastricht text alone will not suffice. We have been promised an elaboration at the Edinburgh summit this week. But amendment of the Maastricht text is ruled out on all sides. The practical difficulties of achieving amendment are in any case enormous, as the whole ratification procedure would have to begin again. What shape, then, is the "elaboration" to take? A solemn declaration by the member states? While such a document would, I feel sure, be given due weight by the Court of Justice as a guide to interpretation, nothing short of amendment can alter the words of the treaty as we have them.

One example of bad draftsmanship, however, must not block the ratification of the treaty. The treaty as a whole is too important for that

Lord Mackenzie-Stuart was President of the Court of Justice of the European Community 1984-1988.

The French farm lobby must be defeated if the Community is to survive, says Nicholas Ridley Scandal of fortress France



sentimental attachment to farming. The pre-1789 aristocrats had picnics as shepherds and shepherdesses, and were painted thus by Watteau or Fragonard. To this day the farming lobby is far the strongest political force in France. All political parties bow before their demands, however outrageous, although they are only 6 per cent of the workforce.

France's priority when the Treaty of Rome was signed may have been Franco-German reconciliation, but agricultural protection followed close on its heels. The French played on German guilt and in return received solid German support for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). This policy also suited the Germans - who have more farmers, who are less efficient, and farm smaller holdings than the French.

Every country in Europe protected their farming industries until the large surpluses began to emerge. For the last ten or more years those surpluses have become an intolerable burden on the taxpayers and a menace both to developing nations and to international trade. Still the French contest every community price review, every reform of the CAP and bitterly resist imports even from other

farming is sacrosanct and nothing must be allowed to cut it down to

This is why they tried so hard to sabotage the Gatt trade negotiations with America. Jacques Delors even tried to halt the negotiations in the French interest - an intolerable misuse of his position. The negotiations are, thankfully, successfully concluded. The terms of agreement seem to me much better for Europe than for America. The Commission, which did the negotiations, assures us that the agreement is within the terms of the recently concluded reform of the CAP. In any case the effects of a small reduction in oilseed production will be minimal for French agriculture as a whole - would that were far more severe.

The reaction from Paris has been violent and despicable. It confirms all one's worst fears about real French attitudes to protectionism, to subsidy, and to sovereignty. It makes one wonder whether a Community can ever be built which includes such a selfish, inward looking, and non-communautaire member as France.

The French remain protectionist. They are violently so in relation to farming. But they also protect their steel, motor cars, aircraft, electronics, wine, banking, insurance and

this is achieved through subsidising their numerous nationalised industries. That in itself is a scandal though unfortunately sanctioned by an Article in the Treaty of Rome. Their vision of Europe is of a fortress with vulnerable French industries protected inside the Community as well as out. They even try to keep out British farm produce and British cars made at plants owned by Japanese firms. They are shameless.

s the CAP takes up two thirds of the Community budget, we all have to A help pay for their vast agricultural subsidies. The French farmers receive far more than France pays in: with Britain it is the reverse. France has only recently ceased to be a net beneficiary from the EC. We have paid through the nose because the system was rigged against us from the beginning. Yet still they demand an end to our rebate; still they assault British lorries carrying foodstuffs, and still they abuse us for seeking reform of the CAP and for wanting to conclude a successful Gatt round. Despite the fact that French agriculture is partly living on British subsidies, they lambast us viciously for trying to reduce them. The French are probably keener

their narrow referendum result showed. This is because virtually every French farmer voted against it in the mistaken belief that Maastricht would further restrict the CAP funds. It is, in fact, another of the sins of Maastricht that it does not restrict the CAP at all. Nevertheless this nation, supposedly hell bent on European union and majority voting, wants to use a veto and reject the trade agreement, whatever the views of the other 11.

In international trade matters. the Commission negotiates on behalf of the Community, and any such agreement has to be confirmed by majority voting in the Council of Ministers. To get round this, the French first considered using the Luxembourg compro-mise (This was de Gaulle's invention, when he tried to obstruct a Community decision in 1965 pleading "vital national interests".) It requires a blocking minority of support for postponing the taking of an unwelcome decision until discussion leads to an acceptable compromise.

But if a blocking minority can be obtained, it would be more effective to use it to veto the entire Gatt agreement, likely to be completed in the spring of 1993. This the French are setting about trying to do, mindless of the tragic conse-

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\$200 billion of business is said to be

They are trying to recruit the Belgians, the Spanish and the Portuguese to their side. Success would give them 28 votes - only 22 are needed to block an agreement. The bait they are using is to offer to support a larger Community budget, which would mean more British money flowing to Spain and Portugal

If the Community is to survive as an open trading society we have to defeat the French farm lobby when this issue comes to a decision, sometime in the spring. Nor should the Community allow itself to be blackmailed into contributing to a vastly increased budget as the cost of buying off Spain and Portugal. The budget should be agreed on its merits; the two issues are not connected.

John Major has always been commendably firm in his support for a Gatt accord. The test of his skills as a negotiator over the coming months will be to achieve one without conceding a bigger budget to the Community than it needs. France must be isolated and

Lord Ridley was Conservative MP

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They seek it here ...

IF John Major wants to do a bit of last minute boning-up on the Maastricht treaty in Edinburgh before the summit begins today he would be well advised to come armed with his own personal copy. He is unlikely to be able to lay his hands on one once he arrives.

Although the treaty's fate could depend on the summit, copies of the controversial document are proving as elusive as the Loch Ness monster. A Foreign Office spokes-man confirmed that they had not brought a single version of the text, authorised or otherwise, to Holyroodhouse, the venue for the biggest event of Britain's presidency of the EC.

The Foreign Office has moved dozens of officials into Edinburgh in advance of the summit but they did not bring the treaty or explanatory documents. "I am not aware of any publications of any kind that the Foreign Office has provided up here." said a spokesman at Meadowbank. "We are not a

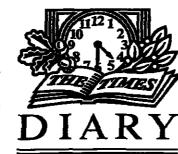
library you know." Even if it were, it might make little difference. The Edinburgh Central Library can lay its hands on two copies, only one of which is the approved EC version. "You

cannot take it away." said an official. Hope springs eternal, how-ever, at the European Commission Office in Edinburgh which has a handful of copies: "But come in the afternoons. We close for lunch."

Indeed any ministers who need to refer to the document would do well to contact the anti-Maastricht lobby, out in force in Edinburgh. Their champion Baroness Thatcher is rumoured to keep a copy in her handbag.

Lord Tebbit, who first disclosed that half the cabinet had not read the treaty, was not surprised that there would be no copies available in Edinburgh. "The Maastricht treaty is not exactly a bestseller, is it?" he says.

● Tristan Garel-Jones may feel a little uncomfortable when he entertains fellow EC ministers at the Edinburgh summit. The fiercely pro-European Foreign Office minister, will be entertaining guests to drinks in the room in the northwest tower in which David Rizzio was stabbed to death in 1566. With the knives already out in Edinburgh, Garel-Jones will be keeping an eye open for glints of



Serbs beware

PATRICK Robertson, the bête noire of the Europhiles, has taken on a new cause. Robertson, a founder member of the Bruges Group, has become public affairs consultant for a new cross-party pressure group called "Action for Bosnia", which is calling for greater armed intervention on behalf of the Bosnians in what was

Yugoslavia. He is combining the two causes in Edinburgh, where the alternative Bosnia-Herzegovina conference will be held today at St Cecilia's Hall, in the Cowgate. "I want to cause as much mischief as I did with the Bruges Group but this time on behalf of the Bosnians," says Robertson, who is working on a part-voluntary basis. "We shall be operating in the best British tradi-

tion of pamphleteering, writing letters to members of Parliament and organising public meetings." An approach which will no doubt put the fear of God into the Serbs.

 Baroness Thatcher's supporters should not be too concerned by her uncharacteristic display of support for the government in the Hong Kong debate in the House of Lords on Wednesday. Within minutes of delivering a strong speech apwas off to a meeting with Philippe Seguin, the French champion of the anti-Maastricht campaign, to plot the downfall of the treaty.

On your marks

NO SOONER had John Major taken his seat in the Commons on Wednesday, after the historic state-ment, than the race began to prodocumentary of the royal separa-tion. John Suchet is already working on Annus Horribilis Horrible Year, which will be screened by ITV on January 1. Work began on the programme only a few weeks ago and the finished product promises to be every bit as controversial as Suchet's documentary earlier this year, Diana: End of a Fairytale.

ysis" to appear. Jonathan Dimbleby, who is writing a biography of the Prince of Wales, is also understood to be preparing a docu-mentary. The BBC has plans to re-peat Elizabeth R, the programme made to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Queen's reign, on Box-

ing Day. Several teams started approach-But his may not be the first "analing constitutional experts months



heroes and heromes from her books. The separation? "It is sad but something had to happen and I think it may very well be what is best for the children," she says.

ago. But they were dismissed with a flea in their ear by Lord Blake and Lord St John of Fawsley. Lord Blake says: "I was not prepared to co-operate with interviews which

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FOUL play in the Athens of the North? A month ago the Cam-

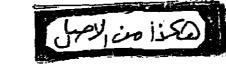
were based on hypothesis".

paign for an Independent Britain had written confirmation that its anti-Maastricht summit could go ahead at Edinburgh's Scandic Crown Hotel today. But with only days to go the reservation was can-celled: the hotel was mysteriously double-booked_ To add insult to injury the group

was told it had been forced out by the Danish government, battling to find a way of presenting an acceptable version of Maastricht to its sceptical population.

The group, including Bryan Gould, Bill Cash and Peter Shore, has set up camp in the Carlton Highland Hotel across the road. Danish bacon, Danish pastries and Danish politics are still on the





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A DANISH REFLECTION

Those trying to rescue the Maastricht treaty miss the point

ll week the government has been trying to ay down the chances of success at this eekend's Edinburgh summit. Gulfs are id to be unbridgeable, opponents intransient, problems intractable. Such a spin is ways cast on these meetings: any success in then be counted a triumph, any disaster as only to have been expected.

The hand that the British government has en dealt in its six-month presidency has, swever, been harder to play than most. The oblems Edinburgh is required to resolve e interdependent; and each country has fferent priorities and concerns, and come use the summit is to come of solutions. So, for o with any package of solutions. So, for istance, Denmark's demands may not be inceded by the poorer countries unless the C budget grants them more money. leanwhile, there are the cross-currents of rench opposition to Gatt and Greek oposition to the recognition of Macedonia. But this resurgence of national interests flects a deeper malaise across Europe that as put pressure on the interwoven threads

Maastricht, threatening to unravel them together. The treaty was hard enough to egotiate when only politicians were inlived in the arguments. Now that public pinion has joined in, it has become clear ow disparate are the interests of each ation in the Community and how wide is ie divide between the leaders and the led. Not just in Denmark and Britain, but in rance and Germany too, anxieties have ırfaced about the desirability of closer nion. Soon perhaps the only countries hose populaces will be overwhelmingly in your of Maastricht will be those who stand gain financially from ratification: Ireland,

pain. Portugal and Greece. Thus it is legitimate to ask whether the aders at Edinburgh, in devoting themlves to trying to rescue a treaty that is most beyond repair, are tackling the right sk. Ever since the Danish "no" vote, uropean leaders have looked as if they were imbling in the dark: determined to press

ahead with ratification because they had no idea what else to do. Their voters could have told them that it was time to rethink their whole vision for Europe, but few voters, sadly, have been consulted.

So unrealistic and impracticable are the treaty's main goals that Britain and its partners would gain much from the unravelling of Maastricht. The British government remains steadfast in its view that the Franco-German impetus towards closer union is so strong that an inner group of states would motor ahead in the event of the collapse of Maastricht, leaving Britain by the roadside. Yet it may even be misguided to assume that the Franco-German motor is intact.

France and Germany have always based their European policy on the notion that Germany needed to be "tied down" within Europe. The fetters were to be economic and monetary union, through which Europe would cease to be a Deutschmark zone. dominated by the Bundesbank. To this end, France tied its currency to the mark within the exchange-rate mechanism, at great economic and political cost. As in Britain before Black Wednesday, the franc fort policy has led to a rapid rise in unemployment and a slowdown in growth. The franc remains in the ERM but the future reward for the present suffering is looking less and less likely to materialise. As the prospect of EMU recedes, as economic convergence becomes ever more elusive a goal, it is becoming clear that any coupling of the franc to the mark is tantamount to Germany tying France down, rather than the other

way round. In these circumstances, Edinburgh cannot realistically be seen as the culmination of a process whose destination is a ratified and fully working Maastricht treaty. This is how the politicians would like to present it. But the very reason why the resolution of Denmark's demands has proved so tough is that Denmark's problems reflect the problems of the whole Community far more accurately than the Maastricht treaty reflects its hopes.

HONG KONG'S INTEREST

Britain has a duty to offer the colony real autonomy

he debate on Hong Kong in letters to The imes goes to the heart of British policy wards China, Since 1984, when the two untries signed the Joint Declaration on e colony's future after 1997, when it is to and handed over to Chinese rule, Britain has bught to accommodate Peking. Hong ong's new governor, Chris Patten, has pened a new chapter with his proposals to evelop Hong Kong's political system.

So far short do these proposals fall of the emands of some Hong Kong democrats or direct elections that had Peking renained silent. Mr Patten would have been idely criticised for doing "too little, too ite". They were carefully drafted to meet the esire of Hong Kong's people for more say ver their own affairs while complying, to ne letter, not only with the Joint Declaration ut with the Basic Law which China had rawn up for post-1997 Hong Kong. √ithin these constraints, they seek to create n electoral system which is "open, fair, and coeptable to the people of Hong Kong".

Mr Patten hoped to open up democratic ebate within Hong Kong, among those ho will have to live under Chinese soverignty, rather than present them with a fait ccompli negotiated in secret between Lonon and Peking. This was his sole innovaon; and it has unleashed a storm of what ord Howe has called, with restraint, "overimplified denunciations" from Peking.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index has bent efore the wind, although it should be noted n passing that it stands 220 per cent higher nan it did after the October 1987 crash. long Kong's confidence in the governor, at .9 per cent, remains solid; not so that of ome businessmen involved in China, and f prominent members of the Foreign Office nandarinate who ran British policy towards China in the 1980s. Mr Patten's critics elieve, in essence, that Britain should

always retreat in the face of violent Chinese

opposition, lest China tear up the treaty. Yet Britain has a duty to implement the provisions in this treaty, on the principle of "one country, two systems" enunciated by Deng Xiaoping. It guarantees that for 50 years after 1997, Hong Kong will "enjoy a high degree of autonomy", retaining its own "social and economic systems . . . rights and freedoms". Its legislature is to be "constituted by elections" and its government to be "accountable". That is the thrust of Mr Patten's proposals.

China undertook in 1984 to "give its cooperation" to Britain, which retains full responsibility for governing Hong Kong until 1997. That co-operation has been absent, not just since Mr Patten out forward his proposals, but since China crushed its own pro-democracy movement in 1989. Since then, Peking has set out to exert total control over Hong Kong without waiting for 1997. That is why every British concession, and there have been many, has encouraged China to demand more.

The door will remain open to China. Britain and Hong Kong have every interest in a "smooth transition" to Chinese rule. But if China is allowed to veto the implementation of the Declaration, Hong Kong's people would be entitled to consider it worthless. The risk that China — to the great detriment of its wider interests - will fail to honour its undertakings is there, whether or not Britain

fulfils its side of the bargain. The novelty in British policy is that Mr Patten, with the full backing of John Major. is taking the promise of autonomy for Hong Kong seriously - beginning by inviting Hong Kong's people to decide what political system they want. His critics should ask themselves what prospect there is that China will respect its pledge of "two systems" if Britain fails to stand up for it.

NEW BETS FOR OLD

Gambling needs a clean pool, but not an exclusive one

luffing and puffing against the National ottery Bill intensifies as it comes up to pubication next Wednesday. More than 90 viPs from all the main parties have signed in early-day motion demanding concesions in favour of the football pools compaties, and are threatening to vote against the pill if these are not granted. Peter Brooke, he heritage secretary, evidently gave little comfort to representatives of the pools. ndustry when he met them earlier this week.

The pools promoters are lobbying hard. They make MPs' flesh creep with predicions of football losing £40 million a year in he levy it receives from the pools, millions of nounds in tax being put at risk, and, even nore creepily, thousands of jobs being lost in Liverpool, Glasgow, London and Cardiff. Their underlying fear is that the amount of noney spent on gambling is inelastic, and hat there is room for only one big prize competition in Britain.

This is to take too conservative a view of British gambling habits. Computer systems nave made it simple to juggle huge sums of money in the twinkling of a key-stroke. Punters can lay bets up to the last minute refore the draw. The bigger the prize is, the greater the attraction. Modern electronics have greatly reduced the odds on crooked organisers getting their sticky fingers into

Britain's football pool culture is curiously rusted in the Picture Post dreams of the Fifties. A big national lottery stands to attract new middle-class money into the business. Competition to the pools is going to arrive in any case on January I when the other European lotteries, taking advantage of the single market, will be able to sell their tickets in the United Kingdom. Now that Albania has organised a lottery, Britain is the only country left in Europe without one.

The committee stage of the bill will be the time for huffing and puffing over the details. but it should not be allowed to blow down the new gaming house. There will be arguments over dividing the spoils. Charities, the arts and sports could be the main beneficiaries. Care must be taken that poor punters do not end up simply subsidising

the pleasures of the opera-going rich. After that, let competition thrive in the gambling industry. A lottery is in many ways a most satisfactory tax. The taxed volunteer to pay. They derive some fun from paying. And profits will still go to football - and to other causes quite as good.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Break-up of a royal marriage

Sir, The prime minister's statement in the House of Commons that there is no reason why the Princess of Wales should not become queen seems to have taken some people by surprise. It is, however, a simple statement of the constitutional situation as it stands at this moment. The wife of the Prince of Wales on his accession to the throne automatically becomes queen. There can be no argument about this, and separation makes no difference as far as the legal and constitutional pos-ition is concerned.

Yours faithfully, BLAKE. House of Lords.

From Mrs Emilie D. Bruell

Sir, There may be no constitutional implications for the nation when a royal marriage breaks up, but there are very serious spiritual ones. Blame must be placed not on the media or the monarchy but on a Church which gives ritual and changeable rules rather than the reality of a relationship with a living, loving God who does not change.

Yours faithfully. EMILIE BRUELL, Fig Tree House, 58 Maltravers Street, Arundel, West Sussex. December 10.

From Mr Piers Eley

Sir, I was sickened to read the seemingly universal denial by the press that it had any part in the breakdown of the royal marriage.

No doubt the newspapers will be reporting on the future lives of the Prince and Princess of Wales, in an equally disinterested fashion. How much, I wonder, are they offering for the first story of a new relationship in the lives of either party?

Yours faithfully, PIERS ELEY, 35 Montague Road. Richmond, Surrey. December 10.

From Mr David Moss

Sir, Bryan Appleyard (article, December 9) describes the Prince of Wales as "dreamy, ineffective and hopelessly unrealistic to an almost infantile

The same prince was scheduled on your Court page of December 9 to carry out that day the following engagements: as President of Business in the Community, attends a conference on Opportunities in Holyhead; as Patron of the Abbeyfield Society, visits the Abbeyfield/SSAFA House in Anglesey: as Chairman of the Prince of Wales's Committee, presents The Prince of Wales Awards: as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust, presents the 250th Bursary Award: and attends a reception to mark the 60th anniversary of the BBC World Service.

Is Mr Appleyard writing about the same prince?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MOSS. 73 Wroughton Road SW11. December 10.

Princess's wedding

From Mrs Barbara Pease

Sir, Many of the public, I am sure, would like to show in some tangible way the respect, admiration and affection which they feel for Princess Anne, and also their good wishes for her wedding and future happiness. Forget toasters (Diary, December 8); simply send a cheque to Save the Children as a wedding present.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA PÉASE, The Ark, Church Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk. December 8.

From Mr John Lees

Sir, The Times should not be mealymouthed. Commander Laurence's letters to the Princess Royal were not "spirited" from her briefcase, as reported by Alan Hamilton (December 7) as if commenting on some student prank

They were stolen by a sneak-thief. who deserves only the scorn and contempt of decent people. The Times should always speak

with a clear voice. Yours faithfully, john lees, Thornfield, Ferncliffe Drive,

December 7. From Mrs Kristin E. Shay

Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Sir, I was grateful for Tony Higton's article (December 9) setting out the Church of England's position on divorce. For myself, without prejudice or imprisonment in dogma, I cannot see how anyone can go through a church marriage ceremony, with its undertaking to stay together until death do us part", when a former marriage partner is living. Surely this makes a mockery of the ceremony?

Yours faithfully KRISTIN E. SHAY, 45 Gunterstone Road, W14. December 9.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Key Community issues for the Edinburgh summit

strength.

From Mr David Carlisle

Sir. Simon Jenkins ("Glad tidings for Europe". December 9) is right to include subsidiarity as one of the key "failures" to watch for at the Edin-burgh summit. The Maastricht treaty's article 3b on the subject is, as he says, wholly empty.
Under article 3b subsidiarity oper-

ates only "in areas which do not fall within [the Community's] exclusive competence.". Once the Community exercises competence, EC law makes that competence exclusive.

The legal adviser to the European legislation committee of the House of Commons made the position clear as long ago as January 1992. He put it on record that:

Of course the doctrine of subsidiarity

cannot apply in areas within [the] exclusive jurisdiction [of the Community] The doctrine applies, therefore, only in areas of potential Community competence—that is, where the Treaty gives the Community power to act on a discretionary or selective basis . . Once the Community does act under any such provisions.
Community jurisdiction becomes exclusive at least to the limits of its actual measure and Member States are, again, substan-

It is worth noting, in the Edinburgh context, that he added: "Member States . . . cannot, by a cosy agreement in Council, unscramble the effect of the Treaty."

In short, advice has been given which plainly shows that the govern-ment's rosy picture of subsidiarity is wrong. If ministers are sweeping that advice under the carpet, responsibility must rest with them, not with the advisers who have tried to make the position clear.

Yours faithfully, DAVID CARLISLE, 4 St Martin's Road, SW9. December 9.

From Mr Oliver Gillie Sir. Since all political parties are committed to Europe, a referendum

on the Maastricht treaty, provided the wording were sensibly chosen and a responsible campaign run, should produce a substantial majority in favour of Europe, particularly if a

Continuation on the current course would appear to make disaster inevitable. Either Maastricht will be defeated in the Commons despite allparty support, or it will be forced through, leaving the country feeling

robust attitude is promised. Such a

victory would invest the government

with great political authority both

domestically and in Brussels, and it

could then negotiate from real

Yours faithfully, OLIVER GILLIE. 126 Court Lane, Dulwich, SE21. December 7.

From Mr Glyn Ford, MEP for Greater Manchester East (Socialist (Labour))

Sir, Your leader of December 8, "Referendum time", argues that Maastricht is not a party issue. How wrong this is. The Tories are trying to push through a version of Europe's Maastricht treaty which omits the allimportant Social Chapter. So how could Labour urge its supporters to vote? For a treaty which is fatally flawed? Or against the treaty which every other socialist party in Europe wants? Campaigning for an abstention is not an easily understandable

The Times, at least, should be able to acknowledge the complexities of asking people to give a one-word answer to a very long question.

Yours faithfully, GLYN FORD (Leader, European Parliamentary Labour Party). 2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

From Lord Mottistone

December 9.

Sir, Herr Kohl, the German Chancellor, is reported (December 3) as saying that Denmark and Britain should not be allowed to slow European union:

A Europe à la carte, in which each parmer chooses what he particularly likes, can no more be our goal than a Europe which has to move at the pace of the slowest ship in the It was my good fortune to spend most of the second world war escorting convoys in the North Atlantic. The aim of each passage impressed on all convoy escorts by the Commander-in-Chief Western Approaches was "the safe and timely arrival of the convoy". This meant convoys being formed so that they could indeed steam at the

best speed of the slowest ship. Even then, there were sometimes "stragglers", which dropped behind and had to be hustled on by the escorts. These were, however, no more of a menace to a successful voyage by the convoy as a whole than "rompers", who would break out ahead of

the steaming group of ships.

With the aim for each convoy of its "safe and timely arrival", we won the Battle of the Atlantic and fed and

supplied this country.

Perhaps Herr Kohl might remember this and consider whether the European "convoy", whose safe and timely "arrival" most of us want, might not best be "escorted" at the best speed of its "slowest" ship.

I am, Sir. your obedient servant, MOTTISTONE, House of Lords. December 6.

From Mr C. R. Head

Sir. Can somebody please explain to me (in simple terms) why I am expected to pay generously for publicsector projects in southern Europe when in my own country there are slums, crumbling schools and a seriously under-invested public transport system?

Yours faithfully. C. R. HEAD. Redmires, Malvern Road, Ashford, Kent. December 9.

From Mr Brian Brophy

Sir, On January 1, 1993, the EC single market comes into being. Do we really need anything else from Europe?

Yours faithfully BRIAN BROPHY. 499 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey.

Disputed territory

From Professor N. G. L. Hammond

Sir, Michael Binyon ("Macedonia divisions signal diplomatic stalemate", December 5) cites as an example of "intemperate language" Greece's claim that in insisting on the name "Macedonia". President Gligorov of Macedonia is "continuing the policies of Stalin and Tito". History supports Greece.

Tito, trained by Stalin, announced as his policy the creation of a sixth Yugoslav republic, Macedonia. As the senior British liaison officer with the resistance movement at Grevena, some 50 miles within Greece, in 1943, I discovered that the Balkan communist parties were agreed on this same aim, which had also been espoused by Russia.

Had Tito's two attempts to enable the Greek communists to seize power

'independent Macedonia" set up.

territory as part of Macedonia. policy are inseparable. Mr Gligorov

wants both Greece wants neither, can only agree with Greece.

whatever, but not Macedonia, and then Greece and others will grant them recognition.

Belvoir Terrace. Trumpington Road, Cambridge. December 7.

The iceman teacheth

From Mr A. J. Legge

Sir. Bernard Levin ("Welcome to the Ghoul Age", December 7)tells us nothing is to be learned from the alpine "iceman" and he should be left to rest in peace. Undefined historical sources also lead him to the generalisation that the world has become "worse instead of better" at some time since the Stone Age.

How does he know? What was life like in the Stone Age? The fascination of this prospect is such for Mr Levin that he surrounds his view with a lengthy list of questions and speculations about the iceman's life and Stone Age life in general. Yet these same questions are being answered by archaeology and its allied disciplines (we would hope to the benefit of Mr Levin's understanding) by just such studies as those he condemns.

Yours faithfully ANTHONY LEGGE, University of London Birkbeck College. Centre for Extra-Mural Studies 26 Russell Square, WC1.

From Mr David M. Browne

Sir, Bernard Levin asks that human remains found by archaeologists be left undisturbed. He will be relieved to know that most archaeologists, thank-

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

at least, one nation has invaded another purely for humanitarian rea-

Cynics may argue that American force will never solve the long-term problems of Somalia, stop the killing in Bosnia-Herzegovina, end repressive dictatorships such as those of Saddam Hussein nor prevent the indiscriminate sale of arms for profit. but at least it is a proper use of power.

President Bush was correct to say that sending American forces was doing God's work (report, December 5), because it would feed the hungry and dothe the naked.

As Christians and Jews prepare to celebrate their festivals of warmth and succeeded, Greece would have been behind the Iron Curtain and the Nevertheless, Tito continued his

policy, calling his sixth republic Macedonia and its mixture of languages Macedonian, and claiming until his death its right to Greek

and any ally of Greece which guarantees the frontiers of Greek territory Let the leaders of Skopje call their state South Slovenia, or Paeonia, or

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS G. L. HAMMOND,

fully, no longer possess the sort of cavalier attitude towards human re-

mains of which they could often be justly accused in the past. Indeed, the latest technical paper by the British Institute of Field Archaeologists deals specifically with law and burial archaeology. It is now generally accepted that human remains should be treated reverently and, whenever possible, re-interred with the appro-

However, we should not lose sight of the very considerable amount of valuable information regarding our ancestors that palaeo-pathological studies can yeild, pace Mr Levin's misgivings. Archaeologists encountering human remains should make provison for their expeditious analy-sis, and ensure that proper arrangements for reburial are made with the appropriate authorities when this has en completed.

I fear that there are some museum or other archaeological stores which do not as yet conform to these standards. I hope that for the curators of these, Mr Levin's article has rattled the skeletons in their cupboards. Yours faithfully. DAVID M. BROWNE

(head of archaeology). Royal Comission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales, Crown Building, Plas Crug. Aberystwyth, Dyfed. December 7.

international battle against human

light, we can rejoice in the glimmer of **US in Somalia** hope that the civilised nations of the world are at last joining in the

Sir, For the first time, in this century

Faithfully yours, SIDNEY BRICHTO (Senior Vice-President). Union of Liberal & Progressive Synagogues, The Montagu Centre, 12-14 Clipstone Street, W1.

> Yesterday's letter from Sir Denis Mahon on government grants to the National Gallery should have referred to the Trea-sury's "small-minded scheme" as operating to the gallery's disadvantage — not to its advantage. We apologise for the error.

> > Business letters, page 27

Customer-friendly?

From Mr M. Power

Sir. I endorse the sentiment in your leading article of November 26. "Citizen's cane", that the improvement of services requires the "constant and grinding application of political will from the top and its percolation down through layers of ... management". But what happens, pray, where the commitment to change among senior management proves

more apparent than real? The disability living allowance departments of the Benefits Agency have established a network of customer service sections; but the very existence and telephone numbers of these sections are omitted from the relevant forms and information packs issued by the agency -- as deliberate

Hardly the helpful, customerfriendly, ethos promulgated by gov-

Yours faithfully, M. POWER, Groesfford Park, Brecon, Powys.

BRRRM-er-BRRRM

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow

Sir. Your leading article of December 1, "BRRRM — BRRRM", dealt with the revival of the British motorcycle industry. It reminded me that the success of Japanese motorcycles in the overwhelming invasion of the British market was due in part to the introduction of the electric starter. This innovation replaced the exhausting and ineffective "kick-start" on the British machines.

Why it is customary now to seek a "kick-start" to the British economy? We do not need an inefficient kickstart. We need an electric self-starter.

GREENHILL OF HARROW, House of Lords. December 2.

Sunday service?

From Mrs Belinda Hadden

Sir, In counting the shopping days until Christmas, do we now include Sundays?

BELINDA HADDEN. 21 Rumbold Road, SW6.

Slippery slopes

From Mr Robert Muskath

Sir, Even you have failed to convince my wife to join me on the snowy slopes. Your leader today, seeking to downplay the dangers of my favourite winter sport ("Skiing is always going to be riskier than chess"), was accompanied by a report on another page on the conviction of a chess player of the attempted murder of his rival.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT MUSKATH. 5 Marlborough Mansions, Cannon Hill, NW6.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 10: Major-General Lewis MacKenzie (Commander Land Forces Central Area, Ca nadian Forces) was received by The Queen this morning.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Courts and Company, 440 Strand, London, WC2, and honoured the Chair-man (Sir David Money-Courts) with their presence at Luncheon Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, later visited the new Charing Cross Police Station and was received by Colonel Alan Niekirk, representing Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, and the Commissioner, Metropolitan Police (Sir

Peter Imbert). The Queen, having opened the new station and unveiled a commemorative plaque, mured the building escorted by Chief Superintendent Malcolm Superintendent Malc Eidmans (Officer in Charge).

The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvin and Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron this evening attended a Reception in support of the Cambridge Foundation at St James's Palace. December 10: The Princess Royal, Patron, ALBSU, the Basic Skills Unit, this morning held a Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards attended the Annual General Meeting of the Trust at 81 Newgate Lane. London EC1.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor. University of London, this afternoon opened the new School of Radiography, Charterhouse College, Rudand Place, Charterhouse Square. London, ECI, and was received by the Vice Chairman of the North East Tharnes Regional Health Authority (the Baroness

Gardner of Parkes). Her Royal Highness, President, the Missions to Seamen, this evening attended a Carol Concert at Merchant Taylors Hall, 30 Threadneedle Street, London EC4, and was received by the Clerk of the Merchant Taylors (Captain Derek Wallis RN). Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 10: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, this morning received Group Captain Dennis Willison RAF, upon relinquishing command of Royal Air Force Brawdy, at St James's

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief. Army Air Corps, sub-sequently received Colonel Christopher Pickup upon relinquishing the appointment of Chief of Staff Headquarters Army Air Corps, and Colonel William McMahon upon assuming the appointment, at St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales, Patron,

His Royal Highness, President susiness in the Community, this afternoon attended presentations by business leaders who have taken part in "Seeing is Believing" visits at a Reception at St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales sub-

sequently opened the Tharnes Water Millharbour Laboratory, Docklands, London E14. Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Headway National Head Injuries Association, this morning at-tended a Lunch given by the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the London Hilton Hotel. Park Lane, London, Wl. Captain Edward Musto RM

was in attendance

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Miller at the Memorial Service for Dr Tom Connors which was held in St Peter's Church, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, this KENSINGTON PALACE

December 10: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon this evening attended a concert in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh as part of the Eve-of-Council Celebrations for the Meeting of European Heads of Government. Her Royal Highness was re-

ceived by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, The Right Hon. The Lord Provosti.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon subsequently at-tended a Reception given by the Secretary of State for Scotland at the National Gallery.
The Lady Glenconner and Ma-

jor The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 10: The Duke of Kent. Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited British Aerospace, Warton and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley) and later visited Karrimore Inter-

national Limited, Accrington. His Royal Highness, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended a Dinner at the Preston Masonic Hall, Lancashire

Commander Roger Walker RN was in attendance.

Binney Memorial Medal

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Binney Memorial Medal for bravery in support of law and order in the Metropolis to Mr Gerald Brian Edmond Keen at a ceremony held yesterday at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new spinal injuries unit at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, at 10.40; will launch the MV Phanos, lightship of the Northern Lighthouse Board, at Ferguson's Shipyard, Port Glasgow, at 12.45. She will open the extended City Art Centre, Market Street, Edinburgh. Centre Market Street, Edinburgh, at 4.35; and, with the Duke of Edinburgh, will give a dinner on board HMY Britannia in the Port of Leith at 8.00 for heads of state and government attending the Edinburgh European Council. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal and Princess Margaret will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Member of the Friends of the Royal Scottish Academy, will view the academy's diploma collec-tion exhibition in Edinburgh at 4.35; and, as Chancellor of Edin-4.35; and, as Charteelor of Edinburgh University, will attend a reception at the Royal Museum of Scotland at 5.15.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of

the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, will attend the 1992 ABSA Arthur Andersen awards for business and the arts at the National Theatre at 10.40; and will attend the Roads, Bridges and vili aneau the koads, Bridges and Traffic in the Countryside conference jointly sponsored by the Scottish Office and County Survey-ors Society, Scotland, at Caird Hall Dundee, at 2.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Council for National Academic Awards, will attend the awards ceremony at Hopetoun House at 11.20; and will open the Devon Leisure Park Equestrian Centre in Clackmannan at 2.00. The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will attend the society's Award 1992 at the Waldorf Hotel at 11.15.

Receptions HM Government

Mr Ian Lang. Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception held at the National Gallery of Scotland after a concert in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on the eve of the European Summit. sular Corps of London

The High Commissioner for New Zealand and the President of the Consular Corps of London welcomed members of the corps at a reception held last night at New Zealand House Ambassadors, Members of Parliament and the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps were among those present. Vizards Solicitors

Mr Christopher Oldham, Senior Partner of Vizards Solicitors, welcomed guests at a reception held last night at Staples Inn Hall, London, WC1. Among those

London, WC1. Among those present were: His Honour Judge Roger Cox. Mr Peter Bell (Prudential Assurance), Mr Roger Lister (R H Uster), Mr E.J. Badley-Smith. FRCS. Mr Stephen Walker (Municipal Honous Insurance Limited), Mr Astion west (Iron Trades Insurance, Group). Mr Reith Garwood (Royal Insurance), Mr Prank Nichols (Allianz Cormhill) and Mr Nottman Mazure (Stickley and Rent) and other cilents and triends from within the insurance industry, as well as counsel and expert witnesses.

Dean Close School

The guest of honour at a meeting of the Bollinger Club on Friday.
December 4, 1992, was General
Sir John Waters, KCB, CBE, Mr.J.S. Woodhou The Prince of Wales, Patron, Chindits Old Comrades Association, later received the Chairman of Trustees (Lieutenant Colonel O J Wingaie, Honourable Artillery Company) at St James's Palace.

of the Bollinger Club on Friday, December 4, 1992, was General Sir John Waners, KCB, CBE, ADC. The Chairman was Marcus Fincham. Also present were the Headmaster and Mrs Bacon and Mrs Bacon and Mrs Christopher Kenyon.

ISIS East

Mr J.S. Woodhouse who retires as Head Master of Lancing in August 1993 has been appointed Director of ISIS East from Jamuary 1, 1994.

Muntand Mrs Christopher Kenyon.



Origin of pieces: Alan Gillitt, Sotheby's natural history expert, examines books on Charles Darwin from a collection of books, manuscripts and portraits about the theory of evolution in the 19th century, formed by Jeremy Norman, a Californian scientific book dealer. They are to be auctioned at Sotheby's today

Birthdays today

Miss A.L. Amphlett, notary public, 91; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore. 73: Miss Anna Carteret, actress, 50; Lord Elliott of Morpeth, 72: Sir Robert Fellowes Private Secretary to The Queen, 51: Professor Sir Robert Grieve, town and regional planner, 82; Mr Cliff Michelmore, broadcaster and television producer, 73; Mr Wilfrid Newton, chairman, London Regional Transport, 64: Mr D.E. Plowright, former chairman, Granada Television, 62; Mi Carlo Ponti, film producer, 79; Mr Patrick Reyntiens, glass painter, 67; Sir Francis Sandilands, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 79; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author, 74; Mr C.F.J. Younger, former chairman, Brewers' Society, 84.

Dr L.E. Sutton

A memorial service for Dr Leslie Ernest Sutton, MA. DPhil, FRS. will be held in Magdalen College Chapel, Oxford, on Thursday, January 14, 1993, at 2pm.

Memorial service Carnegy of Lour, Lord and Lady Fintberg, Lord and Lady Aberdare, Lord Ampfolfi, Baroness Trumplington. Lord Renwick, Lord Combrook, Baroness Plant of Writtle, Lord Combrook, Lord Fender, Lord Sandys, Baroness Strange, Lord Modistone, Lady Palliser, Mr Paul Channon, Mr, Lady Cathleen Hadson,

Lord Rodney The Lord Chancellor attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Rodney held vesterday at St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Robin Woods and the Rev David Burgess.

Lord Rodney, son, and Canon Adrian Arrowsmith read the lessons. Lord Amery of Lustleigh gave an address. The Belgian Ambassador was represented by Baroness Dehennin. Among those present were:

Channon, MP, Lady Cathleen Hadson.
The Hom Lady de Zahueta, the Hom Hugh and Mrs Astor, the Hon Mrs A Money Courts, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, the Hon Mrs Alassair Carapbett, the Hon Mrs Simon Fraser, the Hon Mrs Boteler, Sir Breser, the Hon Mrs Boteler, Sir Branklin, Sir Dermot de Trafford, Sir Recety Siswell, Sir Hugh and Lady Ripley, Sir Robert and Lady Chichton-Brown, Lady Uniters, Sir Nigel Struit, Sir Ronald Grienson, Lady Bayliss, Sir Peter Thorne, Sir John Stokes, Lady Onlichael Hawkins, Sir Guy and Lady Millard, Lady Vane, Sir Edward and Lady Millard, Lady Vane, Sir Edward and Lady Tomkins, Baroness Elles and Mr Neil Elles, Mr Amhony and Lady Penelope Office. present were:
Lady Rodney Iwidow), Mr and the Hon
Mrs Alec D'Innoeff Scon-in-law and
daughter), Mr and Mrs Lindsay Phillips
(prother-in-law and sister-in-law), the Earl
and Countess of Lonsdale, Mrs John
Shelfield, Mr and Mrs Rohn Compton,
Mr Richard Compton, Mr and Mrs Erit de
Bellalgue. Mrs John Cotton, the Hon Mrs
Timothy Lowther. Mrs Caristian
Ramayen, Mrs John Rodney, Mr David
Rodney, Mrs Fruderic Wolleston.
The Earl and Countess of Effingham,
the Earl and Countess of Effingham,
the Earl and Countess of Effingham,
the Earl and Countess of Darmouth, the
Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Earl of
Orkney, the Countess of Westmortand,
Earl Fortescue, Particla Countess Jellicoe,
the Viscount of Cariald, Viscount
Ulliswater, Viscount Long, Viscount
Coldecote, Viscount Long, Viscount
Murton of Lindisfarroe, Lord Mackle of
Beasthe Lord Shardshursey.

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Princess de Criy. Princess George
Galitzine. Baron and Baroness Vaes.
Count Kazimir Grocholsid. Countess
Georrial-Maraidi. Countess Vaes.
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Georrial-Maraidi. Vicomeisse D'Orthez.
Mr Hugo Vickers. Mr Damon de Laszio.
Mrs E Remingion-Hobbs. Mr Ambinse
Congree, Air Vice-Mazimi and Mrs John
Elton. Mrs D Tunnicitite. Mrs Roger
Williams. Mr Tim Remibone. Mp. Mr and
Mrs David Walker, Mr John Ward. Mp.
Mrs N Alleson. Mr David Addison. Mp.
Mr Tuby Jessel, Mp. Captain and Mrs
Robert Petrie. Mrs Derek Lawson.

Mr David Beamish, freormenting the Mr David Beamish (representing the Clerk of the Parliaments), Mr L Laurence Smith (representing House of Commons Clerks), Mr Henry Brown (No 1 Command Accordance Officerand Accordance Mr and Mrs. and Commando Association), Mr and Ars F B Booth ist Lemanths, Rodings Stokel, Mr G F Crellin and Miss C A Wyatt (British Pederation of Prinning Machinery and Supplies), Mr Richard H Devist (Devist Lisuratice Services), Mr David Milligan (Portals Group), Mr Remeth J Wheeler (Vacuumetic) and Air Commodore A J B Clements (FAIR Committee) and Mrs Clements (FAIR Committee) and Mrs

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.F.H. Berkford and Miss C.E. Stourton

PETER TRIEVNOR

The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Major and Mrs Adrian Beckford, of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, and Clare, younger daughter of Major Michael and Lady Joanna Stourton, of Great Rollright, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.M. Beecham

and Miss S.R. Rosswick
The engagement is announced
between Andrew Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Beecham, of Southend-on-Sea, and Sarah Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Rosswick, of London.

Mr C. Bettag and Miss S. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Carl, son of Tom and Claire Bettag, of Washington DC, and Susannah, elder daughter of John and Judith Roberts, of Merton Street, Oxford.

Mr R.M.M. Campbell and Miss T.M. Green The engagement is announced between Robert Mungo McCready, only son of Mr and Mrs Scott Campbell, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Terest Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Green, of

Laidlawstiel House Galashiels. Mr P.J.D. Dixey and Miss J.S. Hay The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Dr and Mrs

John Dizey, of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Hay, of Kelvinside, Glasgow. Mr G.A. Dockerty and Miss R.E. Simper
The engagement is announced between Gavin Andrew, elder son and Miss R.E. Sit

of Mr and Mrs Peter Docherty, of Mometh, Northumberland, and Rachel Elizabeth, elder daughter of Canon Allan and Mrs Simper. of Dover, Kent. Mr R.A.C. Gillie

and Miss K.G.M. O'Gara The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Kenneth Gillies, of Chalfont St

Giles, and Mrs Jeanette Gillies, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Kerri, eldest daughter of Mr Charles O'Gara, of Harleysville, USA, and Mr and Mrs F.M. Delaney, of Ascot, Berkshire, Mr J.R. Hopper and Miss N.A. Payne

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr C.E. (Ted) Hopper and of Mrs C.E. Hopper, of Crowborough, East Sussex, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James M. Payne, of Crowborough, East

Mr M.J.K. Hould and Miss C.J. Cotterell

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Major Ian Houldsworth and of Mrs Colin Farquharson, of Dallas Lodge, Forres, Moray, and Camills, daughter of Sir John and Lady Cotterell, of Garnons, Herefordshire.

Captain A.J. Pittman and Miss S.M. Wilson The engagement is announced

between Captain Anthony goon Guards, only son of Judge and Mrs J.B. Pittman, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Sarah, younger daughter of the Venerable J.H. and Mrs Wilson, of Deddington, Oxfordshire.

LEGAL NOTICES

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs C. Fennell, of Leicester, and Norma, daughter of Mrs Gordon Forrest, of Reigate, Surrey, and the

Forrest, of Reigate, Surrey, and the Rev Ian Cook, of Wednesbury. Mr J.A. Gamtrey and Miss E.J. Watt The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Gaurrey, of Leigh, Surrey, and Esther, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Watt, of Reigate, Surrey.

Surrey. Mr D.J.M. Orr and Miss M.A. Cochrane The engagement is announced between David James MacConnell, eldest son of Sandy and Claire Orr, and Monica Anne, eldest daughter of Jeany Johnston David James and stepdaughter of Harry John-ston, all of Edinburgh.

Mr H.E. Powell
and Miss C.C. Young
The engagement is announced
between Hugh, elder son of Sir
Charles and Lady Powell, of
London, and Catherine, daughter of Sir William and Lady Young, of Penchrise Peel, Roxburghshire. Dr M.J.L. Schuster Bruce

and Miss F.H.C. Brown The engagement is announced between Martin. youngest son of Major and Mrs Lionel Schuster Bruce, of Yarnton, Oxford, and Frederika Helen, elder daughter of Dr Michael and Dr Hilary Brown, of Headington, Oxford.

Marriages

Dr P.M. Beresford and Miss A.L. Murphy The marriage took place on Moo-day, September 14. in Fiji, of Patrick Beresford, of Dorset, and Alison Murphy, of Worcester. Mr M.B. Savory

and Miss F.A. Macrae The marriage took place on Thursday, December 10. at St Margaret Lothbury, City of London, between Mr Michael Savory, only son of Mr and Mrs Berry Savory, of Muckleburgh House, Kelling, Norfolk, and Miss Fiona Macrae, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Macrae, of Stirling, Scotland. The Rev Tom Famel

The bride was attended by Clare Mertens, Tessa Petiman and Miss Denise Macrae. Mr Ian Taylor-Restell was best man.

A reception was held at the Grocers' Hall and the honeymoor will be spent in the French West Indies.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westmin The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoness of Westminster were hosts at a dinner held last night at City a dimner held last night at City Hall. Among the guests were: the Swiss Ambassador and Mime Muhelini, Lord Bethell, MEP, and Lady Bethell, the Hou John and Mrs Bradbury, Str Signumd and Lady Stemberg, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wireler. Mr Robert Flach and Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Flach, Mr and Mrs R Gerard, and the Rev Dr John and Mrs R Gerard, and the Rev Dr John and Mrs Tudor.

4 Paper Buildings On December 10, 1992, past and of Mr Barry Green, QC, held a dinner in the Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple in honour of Mr Albert Collins to mark his retirement as their senior clerk

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These are the words of the Lord of Hosts: in those days ten people from nations of every language will take hold of the robe of one Jewand say. 'Let us accompany you, for we have heard that God is with you.' Zechariah 8:25

BIRTHS

BEFLEY - On December 8th, to Katheripe (née Stathatos) and Patrick, a son. Anthony John Graham. a brother for

COOPER - On December 9th 1992, to Johanta the Jacobs-Gergel) and Satismy, 8 daughter, Jessica 8th Mary. .ENKINSON - On December ath, in Nottingham, to Linda and Mark, a son, John Manseli.

LIMACRE - On December 4th, in Bath, to Sue (nife Parish) and Nigei, a daughter. Cordelia Mary, a sister for Charlotte. Thomas and George.

MILES - On December 2nd. to Dominic and Paula (nee Dorido), a daughter, Sharon Mercedes, a sister to Pelix and Theresa. PAYNE - On December 9th, to Victoria and Anthony, a son, Charles Anthony Tallock. Thanks to staff at Leicester

palkington - On November 25th. to Alison (née Mills) and Simon. a beautiful daughter, Holly Elisabeth. SECCONNEE - On Sunday December 6th 1992, to Jo (née Trimon) and Geoffrey, a son, Thomas Digorie.

THORNTON - On December 7th, in Hong Kong, to Nicola (nice Hugher) and Henry, a daughter. Othyla Alice Chicheley, a stater for Laura and Phoebe.

WILSON - On December 7th. to Jane (née Shesbard) and James, a son, Rory James Kannedy, a brother for Patrick. WILTSHIRE - On Thursday December 10th, to Calberine (nee Erinton) and Mark, of Hollon, Hallesworth, Suffolk, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Maud, Always remembering Benjanain and Max,

WRIGHT - On December Sth. at The Portland Hospital, to Carol and Malcolm. a son. Malcolm John Peni and brother for Amanda. Vitiki. Samantha and Jesaka.

YEOMAN - On December 5th, at The Portland Hospital, to Cheryl (nife Hodkinson) and Roger, a son, Jack, a brother for George-and Millis.

DEATHS BOTTOMORE - Professor
Tom, suddenly at home on
9th December, Very much
loved husband of the late
Mary. Dearly loved and
greatly missed father of
Katherine, Stephen, Eleanor.
Richard and Paul, Funeral at
Woodvale Crematorium,
Lowes Road, Brighton, on
Monday 21st December at 12
1000s. Flowers, or donations
for Oxfam, may be sent to
Frank Davey & Co., 31 High
Street. Hurstpierpoint. Street. Hurstpier point. Sussex BN6 9UN, tel: (0275) 832179.

CURTIS - On 9th December 1992, at St Heller Hospital. Carshalton. unexpectedly. Physiks Clara, widow of Lewis Curtis and previously Donald Hastlings, Much loved by her family and her many friends. Fumeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, SW15, on Thursday 17th December at 1.15 pm and afferwards at Denmark Road. Wimbledon. Family flowers only. Donations to World Wildlife Fund c/o Ashton Funeral Services. 140 Alexandra Road. Wimbledon. SW19 7JY.

DIEBEL - On December 8th at home, surrounded by her family. Joy (not Beales), aged 64. Funeral Service at 11 am on Monday December 14th at The Old Meeting House, 5 Westerham Road (A2D). Betsels Green, Sevenoals, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, Donations, should you wish, to Hospice at Home, Michael Tefley Hall, Sandhurst Road, Tumbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3JS, or your favourite charity.

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JOLLIFFE - On 8th December 1992, peacefully after a long illness. Than, beloved wife of Robin and dearest mother of Tara. JJ and Tommy. Funeral Service at St. Gothlac's Church, Market Deeping, on Tuesday 15th December at 2.30 pm. No flowers blesse, but donastions if wished to: Children's Tropical Forests U.K., The Old Rectory, 13 Church Street, Market Deeping, nr. Peterborough, PEG BDA.

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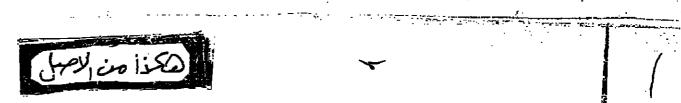
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DAN MASKELL

Dan Maskell CBE, former British professional tennis champion and All England Club coach, who became the doyen of tennis commentators, died yesterday aged 84. He was born at Fulham, London, on April 11,

ALTHOUGH Dan Maskell was 16 times Britain's professional tennis champion, coached at the Queen's Club and the All England Club (Wimbledon) and guided Britain to success as coach of the Davis Cup team in the 1930s, it is as a BBC television commentator on tennis at Wimbledon from 1951 to 1991 that he will be pre-eminently remembered. Indeed, his reputation as "the voice of Wimbledon" and as a repository of tennis history overshadowed his earlier successes as player and coach - and his career as a squadron leader who became the RAF's first rehabilitation officer.

As the years went by the voice of Dan Maskell came to seem as much a part of Wimbledon as its strawberries-and-cream, its occasional scorching days or its perhaps more frequent torrential rain. True, his unique species of enthusiasm under restraint harked back to an English moral climate that had well and truly disappeared by the latter part of his commentating life. Yet even in the raucous Eighties, with dissent from umpiring decisions, foul language and unbridled tantrums on the court the norm rather than the exception. his calm, gentle tones did not seem inappropriate.

The seventh of eight children, Maskell had a happy childhood in modest circumstances. His father was an engineer and later managed a pub. Dan Maskell's aptitude for study could not be fully explored because of the family's limited means. But he was also a gifted and versatile games player and the proximity of Queen's Club attracted his interest. He earned pocket money by part-time work as a ball boy and, soon after his 15th birthday, that work became full-time, In 1924, a year marking his first visit to Wimbledon, he became a junior professional at Queen's, and he remained at the club until 1929, when he became the first permanent coach at the All England Club. Except for his wartime service he retained that position . . .<u>. -</u> until 1955.

In Maskell's playing days there was a strict distinction between professionals and amateurs. He rose to the top (and remained there) of the comparatively small heap of British professionals. From 1928 to 1951 he was Britain's professional champion 16 times: 17 if one counts the 1927 world professional tournament". which boiled down to a domestic hampionship. He was good enough to compete with some of the great players of his era and sometimes beat them. His victims included Bill Tilden, often regarded as the finest of

As a coach, Maskell acquired a treasured memory via his association

all tennis players.



with the 1933 Davis Cup team, led by Fred Perry, which went to Paris and defeated France to win the trophy for the first time since 1912. Britain retained the cup in the next three years before Perry turned professional.

During the war Maskell served in the RAF, reaching the rank of squadron leader in the rehabilitation unit. For him it was a richly rewarding period and — though it did not involve flying — one, never-theless, potentially replete with danger. On one occasion in October .1942 Maskell had been given the day off duty to play golf with a colleague who. his commanding officer confided to him. was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Maskell and the colleague were chipping and putting their way round the links in the sunshine at the beautiful seaside course at Saunton in North Devon that afternoon, when a lone German raider sneaked under the coastal radar defences and dropped three sticks of bombs on their Torquay base. One struck the hospital bowling green, another demolished the gymnasium and the third and most lethal destroyed the top floor of the rehabilitation unit killing 23 people — patients and duty staff, including the officer who was standing in for Maskell. For a long time afterwards Maskell felt keenly, the providential nature of his deliver-

ance. He put a great deal of himself into his pioneering work in rehabilitation for which he was appointed OBE in 1945. In after years he always said that nothing in his life gave him more satisfaction than that wartime period at Torquay and then at Loughborough, reinforcing the work of medical staff who patched up the airmen by devising remedial exercises to restore their mobility and confidence, thus accelerating their recovery. Such an attitude to professional duties was of a piece with his life. He was a man who cared deeply and in his 1988 autobiography. From Where I Sit, he confessed that if he had his time over again he would like to have been a GP in a small country town. This care for civilised standards was much in evidence at Wimbledon as the years went by, and he deplored the exhibitionist behav-

generation of rising stars. In 1955 he became the Lawn Tennis Association's training man-ager. He kept that job until 1973, by which time his horizons had widened. In 1949 and 1950 he worked at Wimbledon as a summariser for BBC Radio and in 1951 he began the commentating career for which he became internationally renowned and for which he was created CBE in

iour of so many members of the new

Maskell's close association with the mannered, ordered world of the Queen's and All England clubs between the wars influenced his character and conduct for the rest of his life. As apprentice and established professional in turn, he soon felt at home in the company of celebrities. He practised and competed with the great names of international tennis. He coached the royal family, politicians, and others prominent in society. He fitted easily into the glamorous, now vanished era dominated by protocol and etiquette. In later years, his gentility remained

It was joked among his journalistic colleagues that if the camera caught a player making an obscene gesture, Maskell's comment (if any) would be something like "How perfectly timed!" or "How very forunate". Such Maskellisms as "Oh. 1 say!" and "You'll never see a better forehand volley than that" became as familiar as old jokes, and provoked affectionate laughter among those accustomed to his commentating. That was sad in a way, because many viewers were laughing at Maskell rather than with him. He could, at times, be too bland, too deliberately inoffensive, too prone to put a mute on his critical faculties and exaggerate the quality of a match.

That weakness, if weakness it was, sprang from Maskell's insistence on seeing only the best of everything, and everybody. The joy of the game and its players, in all their nuances and moods, dominated his thinking. He had an unquenchable zest for tennis and his role within it. He enjoyed the roses so much that he ignored the thorns. As a commenta-tor he was probably at his best when working with Jack Kramer from 1960 to 1973, because of the marked contrasts in their manners, accents, and critical approach. They were complementary.

Maskell had two enviable gifts as a commentator. One was that rich, rumbling, reassuring voice, which emerged from subcutaneous caverns with oracular authority. The other was his infectious enthusiasm, which swept breezily past accumulating birthdays and, to the last, made his colleagues feel that if he was having so much fun out of tennis and out of life, so should they. He was such a wise and genial broadcaster that he did much to popularise tennis in general and Wimbledon in particular. In this respect he had much in common with John Arlott in cricket and Peter Alliss in golf, though he could not match their sense of humour and gift for the graphic phrase. Maskell continued to be a keen recreational golfer, though he had even more pleasure from skiing.

Maskell's enthusiasm was such that, even when he was in his eighties, it could be difficult to get him off the microphone for a spell of rest and refreshment. He was meticulous, too. Often, he set an example to colleagues half his age by turning up first in the Press Room and poring over reference books, swotting up facts relevant to players and matches he would later have to discuss. He never took his experience and knowledge for granted. He was always highly critical of his own performance and on one rare occasion when, through what he felt was inadequate preparation, he made more mistakes - in an admittedly minor match - then he was prepared to tolerate, he actually asked the producer to take him off the air. Work discipline was part of his nature. An example of this was his awareness of when to keep quiet on television, a practice that could not have come easily to a garrulous raconteur with an astonishing grasp

of distant detail. Maskell was an Establishment figure immersed in the traditions and mores of Wimbledon and British tennis as a whole. But he mixed easily at all levels and enjoyed being included in the mocking banter of the Press Room. That made him feel younger. He was the kind of man who wakes up happy and seldom, if ever, turns crusty. If he had a single regret it was that his professional status had prevented him from playing tennis for his country. But he never harped on that. In general he could not believe that life had been so good to him. In truth, he had more cause than most for bitterness, but did not indulge in it.

Maskell and his first wife, Con, had a daughter, Robin, and a son, Jay. At the age of 25 Jay was killed in an air crash. In 1979 Con drowned while swimming off the coast of Antigua. Maskell's wartime work in physical and psychological rehabili-tation, plus his basic nature, helped him to bear those personal tragedies far better than might have been expected

In 1980 he married an old friend, Kay, and - Kipling-style - made a new beginning (It became something of a tradition during the Wimbledon fortnight that at some point Maskell would comment on the quotation from Kipling's "If" which adorns the arch through which the players reach the Centre Court). For Maskell, every day was a new beginning.



LORD DOWDING

Lord Dowding, second baron, former Battle of Britain pilot and the son of Hugh Dowding who led RAF Fighter

Command to victory in the battle, died on November 22 aged 73. He was born on January 9, 1919.

WHILE Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding was directing operations in the skies above Britain in 1940, his son was among "the Few" whom he commanded.

A young Spitfire pilot just out of Cranwell, Derek Dowding claimed a Dornier. a Ju-88 and a Heinkel-111, and shared the credit for at least two more enemy bombers during that year, while on missions with 74 squadron over the south coast and northern Europe. Dowding was pulled out of the Battle of Britain in mid-

August before adding to his previous tally for that year. It was a few days before Churchill paid his memorable tribute to Fighter Command, beginning "Never in the field of human conflict..." As he left for a fresh assignment as flying instructor he would seem to have done enough to make his illustrious father justly proud of him. But the truth was that Derek Dowding hated flying.

In the following year he was made a flight commander in 135 squadron, equipped with Hurricanes, then moved to the Middle East where he served as a test pilot until VE-Day. After the war he commanded a bomber squadron at RAF Upwood and spent several years in America, attached to the US Air Force in the Pentagon and at Montgom-ery, Alabama. Had he not been Hugh

Dowding's son and heir, he would probably never have entered the Royal Air Force. As a young man he wanted to be a racing driver and cars remained the great passion of his life. In later years he loved watching Formula One racing on television. Alternatively he could have been a ski-ing instructor. He was RAF champion one year and was on the fringe of the British Olympic team when the second world war broke out. Instead he found himself fighting his old German friends from the ski slopes.

As a schoolboy at Winchester, Dowding had a reputation for being dever enough but lazy and, in later years, he demonstrated his talents in a number of areas, including politics, photography and elec-tronics. Invalided out of the RAF as a wing commander, he worked for a while for the Kirsten as implied.

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Philips group, selling air traffic control systems. He later worked for a company making component fans.

He became general secre-tary of the Sea Cadet Association (formerly the Navy League) in 1977 and at the time of his death was still working for the Chicagobased insurance group Mackellar Robinson.

He was immensely proud of his father, the wartime leader of Fighter Command. His last public engagement was at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Royal Observer Corps (founded by his father) which was attended by the Queen last year.

Inheriting the title his father had received in 1943 on his father's death in 1970, he sat on the cross benches in the House of Lords, making his maiden speech on London's third airport and resisting the blandishments of the main parties. He was a sociable but also thoughtful man who did not, perhaps, realise his full potential. Like so many other sons in his position, he never quite managed to escape his father's shadow.

The second Dowding's first two marriages were dissolved and he is survived by his third wife. Odette, whom he married in 1960 and by two sons of his second marriage. The title now passes to the elder of these. Piers Dowding.

Corrections

THE musicologist and Dvo-ták scholar whose obituary was published yesterday was John Clapham not John Clapman. We greatly regret any distress caused to his family and friends.

THE photograph with the obituary of Dorothy Kirsten (November 21) showed Mario Lanza in the film The Great Caruso with the mezzo Blanche Thebom, not Miss

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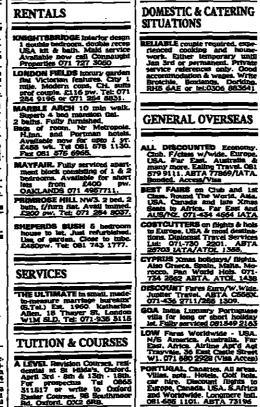
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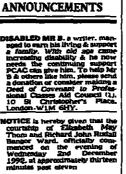


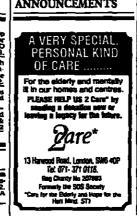
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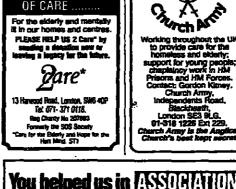
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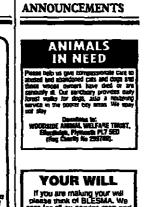






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OF PIPERS. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Until the "rising" of 1745, a number of the greater Highland chiefs had their hereditary pipers. A piper in this position was a person of considerable importance and ranked second only to the chiefs themselves. He usually held his lands rent-free, lived in a comfortable house, and mixed not at all with the common

Foremost of all hereditary pipers were the MacCrimmons, pipers to the MacLeods, the chiefs of the clan, who have resided at Dunvegan Castle in the Isle of Skye for a thousand years. Concerning the origin of the MacCrimmons an interesting tradition was related to the writer by Mr. John MacKenzie, Factor at Dunvegan. The tradition is the more interesting and reliable since it was heard 45 years ago in St. Kilda-an island almost entirely cut off from the outside world. A MacCrimmon who, having married a SL Kild woman, had settled on that remote island, told the family tradition as it had been

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handed down to him. It was that the MacLeod of the day went on a crusade on the staff of King Alexander of Scotland and when he was passing through Italy came across the first MacCrimmon and brought him back with him to Dunvegan. But whatever the origin of the race, there is no doubt that never before nor since has Scotland seen such composers of pipe music.

It must be remembered, when thinking of the old hereditary pipers, that the music of the the old nerecurary papers, that the music of the Highland pipe was not the march, strathspey and real of the present day, but the Cool Mor, or Big Music. Now the Ceol Mor, or Piobaireachd, as it is sometimes called, is the classical music of the Highland pipe, and it differs from a march or reel as Wagner differs from musical comedy. Ceol Mor might be a lament, a gathering, or a salute-and this is a

point to be remembered, as so many people nowadays have the idea that a composition of Ceol Mor or piobaireachd must be a lament Each piobaireachd is built up from the ground work or theme, the variations following each other and the tune ending with the testing crowning movement-the Crunhuadh and, sometimes, the Crunhadh-Amach . . .

... (To one MacCrimmon, as he lay sleepless at night, the spirit of an ancestor appeared, and played on a ghostly pipe a glorious piobaireachd. The second night he played again, and again the third, the mortal piper the while striving to memorise the tune. At the end of the third night, he considered that he had stored it in his memory, and from the "canntaireachd" or system of notion peculiar in the MacCrimmons he along it can his to the MacCrimmons, he played it on his pipe, perhaps the celebrated "Pipb bhreac" or Speckled Pipe that is upwards of 300 years old and is still to be seen in Dunvegan Castle. This tune MacCrimmon, because of his love for it which grew the more he played it, named his Sweetheart, and "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart" may be heard at the present day, played by the greatest of piobaireachd players, John MacDonald of Inverness at some Highland meeting—but not one in a thousand of those who hear it know of its romantic and curious history.

NEWS

Yeltsin fears a 'creeping coup'

A constitutional crisis confronted Russian leaders last night after President Yeltsin launched an all-out attack on the Congress of People's Deputies.

Accusing the body of preparing a "creeping coup", he called for a referendum on who rules the country, and immediately turned to the people in search of a million

Palace clarifies 'queen' statement

John Major's assertion in the House of Commons, that there was no reason why the Princess of Wales should not eventually become queen, had been intended only as a statement of the legal and constitutional position arising out of the separation, Palace officials were keen to emphasise yesterday Pages 1, 2, 3, 16, 18, 19

Sanctions demand

Journalists who invaded privacy should be subjected to tougher sanctions, a committee of MPs said yesterday. They also held newspapers responsible for undermining the marriage of the Prince and Princess of

IRA shops bomb

Shoppers came under attack in the IRA's mainland campaign when two hidden bombs exploded outside Wood Green Shopping City, one of London's largest Pages 1, 6

Life terms ended

Convictions for the murder of a prostitute of the Cardiff three, Stephen Miller, Tony Paris and Yusuf Abdullahi, were unsafe, according to the prosecution and the Court of Appeal freed the

Nato veto

Nato defence ministers yesterday rejected any suggestion that they should send in troops to enforce a settlement between the warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina......Page 10

Libel danger

The law lords were told yesterday that local newspapers would suffer more than the national media if councils were allowed to sue for libel...

Rabin rebuke

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, replying to questions about Mordechai Vanunu, imprisoned for-life for revealing government would act strongly

siders had no right to pass judgment on a person who did what ___Page 15 he did for money....

Patient ignored

William Reid, the NHS ombudsman, has found that a woman dying of lung cancer lay for six days in a hospital bed without being visited by a doctor able to discuss her condition or tell her what was wrong. Page 5

Hong Kong hitch

For the first time in seven years, negotiations over the transition of Hong Kong to Chinese rule broke up without an agreed final statement

Somalis killed

French troops have reportedly killed two Somalis in Mogadishu after returning fire on a lorry near a checkpoint in the Pages 1, 15

Hospitals doomed

Growing opposition from the medical profession is unlikely to save many of London's top hospitals which health ministers are determined to close...... Page 6

Ancient gem

Bernard Yarosz, who used a metal detector on a Dorset beach to uncover a tiny Anglo-Saxon jewel, sold it for £41,800 at Sotheby's yesterday...... Page 5 Neo-Nazis banned

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has banned another neo-Nazi group, the German Alternative party, and pledged his

> ... Page 40 Motor racing: The international motor sports federation, Fisa, has removed the French Grand Prix from the Formula I world championship calendar because of tough new laws in France on tobacco

BUSINESS

No respite: The Bundesbank re-

fused even to hint at a cut in Ger-

man interest rates, making a strong

commitment to stick to its tight

monetary policy Page 23

Bitter end: Alan Sugar formally

conceded defeat in his bid to priva-

tise Amstrad, the computer

Markets: Sterling recovering from

early falls closed .48 cents down at

\$1.5617 and .83 pfennigs down at

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change the FT-SE 100 closed 24.2

SPORT

Tennis: John McEnroe bowed out

of top-class singles tennis yesterday

with a typically fiery performance

encapsulating all the good and bad

characteristics of his game in one

match, lost 3-6 6-4 6-2 to Croatian

Goran Ivanisevic in the Grand

Slam Cup quarter-finals in

Cricket: Peter Kirsten, the South

African batsman, was fined half his

match fee (about £220) for remon-

strating with the umpire and using

offensive language during the one-

day international against India in

Port Elizabeth on Wednesday

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THE WHAT PARTY Scrap the dumps: BMW has discovered that recycling can make

Religious rage: Muslims burn an effigy of P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, outside India's Karachi embassy. Page 15

new cars and new profits. Vaughan Freeman reports Page 39 Get ready: America loves it — now the top-flight Honda Accord is about to hit Britain. Road test and

... Page 39 full report.. Cold facts: Tips on how to take more care on winter roads - and

get home in one piece Page 39

Modern health: All the news from the cutting edge of information technology, from a controversial new computer for the NHS to new ideas in networking. Pages 31 - 33

Shape-changing: Prizewinning British sculptor Tony Cragg shows us a different world Page 35

Sing out: South Africa's Ladysmith Black Mambazo have won international success with their Zulu harmonies, but their country's violence has touched them Page 37

Double Scots: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the orchestra of Scottish Opera are to merge to form a new National Orchestra of Scotland Page 37

Berd from the Tykes: A production of Richard III tests the theory that Shakespeare should be performed in a Yorkshire accent. But is it necessary to do the Battle of Bosworth as a clog-dance? Page 36 | House?.

Pauline Collins, who

starred in City of Joy.

the only big-budget,

financed last year wholly from British

big-screen film

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Patter of Tany's feats: The rumours of Tany Rowland's last stand began to spread at the beginning of the week. But will Mr Rowland actually sell half his Loncho stake, or is he revving up for yet another

Royal coup: To be writing the final chapter of a book called Royal Throne: The Future of the Monarchy, as Elizabeth Longford was this week must be something of a coup. Valerie Grove interview.... Page 17

Tough acts to follow: Will the brother of President-elect Clinton break a long-established American tradition and not be an embarrassment to the man in the White

Volker Rühe, German

defence minister, said

development phase of

the European Fighter

committed to the

Aircraft

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A man convicted of grievous bodily harm on his wife speaks frankly about his violence and how it is rooted in his family background. Short Stories: Pulling the Punches (Channel 4, 8.30pm)...... Page 43

A Danish reflection The reason why the resolution of

Denmark's demands has proved so tough is that Denmark's problems reflect the problems of the whole Community far more accurately than the Maastricht treaty reflects ... Page 19

Hong Kong's interest

Chris Patten is taking the promise of autonomy for Hong Kong seriously - beginning by inviting Hong Kong's people to decide what political system they want. His critics should ask themselves what prospect there is that China will respect its pledge of "two systems" if Britain fails to stand up for ...Page 19

New bets for old

Let competition thrive in the gambling industry. A lottery is in many ways a most satisfactory tax. The taxed volunteer to pay. They derive some fun from paying. And profits will still go to football - and to other causes as good Page 19

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LORD MACKENZIE-STUART

For some politicians, fearful of what they regard as the contagious miasma of Brussels, subsidiarity is a specific remedy against the encroaching disease Page 18

NICHOLAS RIDLEY

The reaction from Paris has been violent and despicable. It confirms all one's worst fears about real French attitudes to protectionism, subsidy, and sovereignty... Page 18

MATTHEW CANCONA

If Andrew Morton's biography is to be trusted (and one has to think now that it can), Princess Diana herself is convinced she will never ... Page 18 be crowned ...

Views on European issues on the opening day of the Edinburgh summit discussion of the royal marriage break-up and of the Princess Royal's second marriage on Saturday_ Page 19

The modern Royal Family has been eager for publicity, so long as it is the right kind. They wanted intimacy and servility at one and the same time.

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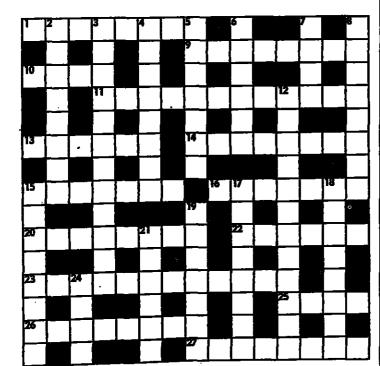
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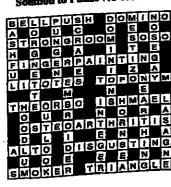


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- . . a vehicle, following double bend to arrive at rocky moun-
- tain-side (4).

 11 Say he's better-developed, and sow dissension (3,2,3,4).

 13 Judge taking a lead outside building (6).
- 14 Jack, Diana and Kathleen, say. to step down (8).
- 15 Rally soldiers going to the front 16 Business in a stronger position assigned two lines (7).
- 20 Cops and robbers film invested in the shoot (8). 22 Story about "The King and I" made into a film (6).

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23 Established the yen without resistance (4-8).

25 Incomplete national flag (4). effect large-scale movement (8).

27 Going off round a turning (8).

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2 Note the procedure for going to get help (8).

3 Brewed stingo fit for New Year

4 Duke left town in a state of flux

5 Driver, little woman covered in ointment overturned (7).

6 Severely punished boy for embracing girl (6).

7 It is about to become an educational establishment (4). View crop pest ravaged (8). Exam once over, a defender who'll wriggle out of anything?

15 Naomi was not so hard-hearted

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17 Directly I got hurt, treatment was provided (8).

18 English girl, one performing in broadcast (8). 19 Mangle's double, by the sound of

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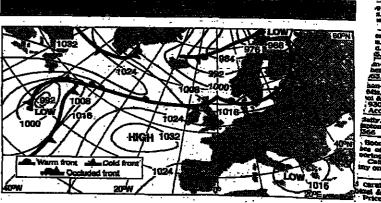
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Michael Heseltine believes French protests over the farm deal pose no serious threat to the world trade talks

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Profits at Pilkington fell sharply from £50.6 million to £15.1 million in the first half but the dividend is unchanged

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Christopher Morris. Touche Ross's insolvency star, says women often sit in his office and cry, after he dismisses

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German stance keeps ERM in firing line

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN FRANKFURT

THE Bundesbank yesterday refused to provide a lifeline to Europe's embattled exchange-rate mechanism, instead making a strong commitment to stick to its tight monetary policy for the whole of the next year.

The Bundesbank's decision not even to hint at a cut in German interest rates will come as a disappointment to European leaders, who are meeting in Edinburgh today for the EC summit.

Politicians and investors have expressed fears that persistent high German interest rates will ensure a continuation of currency tensions throughout Europe, which were exacerbated yesterday by a forced devaluation of the Norwegian crown.

However, some economists argued the Bundesbank was actually laying the groundwork for lower interest rates next year, by setting its new monetary targets at a level that would not require it to claw

The Bundesbank has kept open the possibility of a cut in interest rates in January despite tough talk that will disappoint the European summit meeting in Edinburgh

money supply in the past few

At its last meeting before the end of the year, the Bundesbank's central council decided to leave official interest rates unchanged and indicated that there will be no near-term easing in rates either. Such hopes were immed-iately dismissed by Helmut Schlesinger, the president of the Bundesbank, who insisted that "there exists no scope for rate reductions" as long as inflation remains close to 4 per

At a two-day marathon ses-sion the Bundesbank decided to restrain the growth of M3, its preferred measure of money supply, to between 4.5 per cent and 6.5 per cent.

Although this is an increase of only one percentage point from this year's official target. back any of the exceptionally the Bundesbank has implicitly fast growth of the German decided to ignore the whole of

Lamont wary of further rate cut

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, repeated that he wanted a strong pound. He said it was right to be cautious about further interest rate cuts until there were signs of new life in the economy.

His comments coincided with publication of the first of the Treasury's monthly monetary reports. They were made after a 45-minute meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England in which the

report was discussed. The reports are intended to outline the economic evidence the Treasury is using, as part of the government's efforts to be more open about its as-

sumptions in making policy.

Mr Lamont said: "I am cautious about predicting the turning-point in the economy. We have seen several false dawns before, but there are some encouraging signs."
He highlighted recent rises

in retail sales and MO, the narrow measure of money supply, as positive signs and said they were grounds for caution about lowering interest rates further. But the 45page report is relatively down-beat and gives little reason to rule out an extra kick start for

growth in due course. The Treasury does not seem unduly worried by inflationary trends, which would limit scope for lower rates. It also notes that consumer and business confidence remain at a low ebb, that the shake-out in employment is continuing and that the housing and commercial property markets are still weak.

The Chancellor specifically mentioned asset prices as an indicator he would look at in setting monetary policy after sterling's exit from the exchange rate mechanism. Halifax Building Society

commercial property prices and rents is slowing. There was a palpable feel-

said last week that house prices had risen by 0.1 per cent in November, the first monthly rise since June. The Treasury report says the housing market is stagnant and there is no sign of increased turnover. It also says there is no evidence that the decline in

ing of anti-climax among nonvernment economists, who had hoped for more substantial signs of the Treasury's thinking. "It makes no contribution to the policy debate at all," said John Shepperd, of Warburg Securities.

the overshoot in monetary growth during the past 12

months. Some economists argued that the new target would therefore offer plenty of headroom for lower German interest rates, once the Bundesbank decides the time has come to

The German decision was copied by the French central bank, which also yesterday set its own monetary target range at 4 per cent to 6.5 per cent. These co-ordinated moves signalled a strong determination by the two central banks to retain the ERM parity of the franc and to send a signal to speculators that it is not worth

betting against the franc. In its official statement, the Bundesbank said that the decision "means no deviation from the present tight course

in monetary policy".
Yesterday's new target range is much tighter than the 6 per cent to 8 per cent range that was recommended by Germany's leading economic instututes in their official autumn report. Dr Richard Reid. European economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said that the "tone of the statement is pretty nawkis target is suitable because it is

Early in the day, Norway finally yielded to the inevitable and decided to decouple the crown from the ecu. thereby following an example set by Sweden and Finland.

After yesterday's announce-ment, the French franc came close to hitting its 3.43 floor against the mark but later recovered to 3.4150. Sterling continued to languish against the strengthening mark, fall-ing to DM2.4425 at one point before recovering to DM2.4550. The Norwegian crown slumped to end at 4.2750 to the mark compared with 4.09 at the opening.

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Cautious: Lamont and Leigh-Pemberton yesterday

Golden harvest: Nick Pearch, left, finance director of Taunton Cider, and Peter Adams, chief executive, celebrate a share price that fizzed to a high of £2 at one stage yesterday, on the back of pre-tax profits of £9.9 million against £7.5 million on a strictly comparable basis in the half-year to end-October, and a maiden dividend of 2.4p. **Bankers to meet Chancellor**

watchdog fuels row

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Electricity

PROFESSOR Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry gration over the future of Britain's energy industry yesterday by calling for a review of nuclear subsidies and demanding that power generators rethink their policy over

pricing.

He simultaneously increased the pressure on those struggling to save Britain's coal industry by suggesting, surprisingly, that coal is Brit-ain's highest-cost fuel, more expensive than power generated from gas, or even by atomic

However, he indicated that there could be scope for a larger coal industry if British Coal could cut prices, and if the ability of electricity companies to pass on costs to customers without question were constrained.

The interim findings from Professor Littlechild's review of power purchasing contracts agreed by regional electricity companies were vehemently rejected by both National Power, Britain's biggest generator, and by Nuclear Electric, its state-owned rival.

Colin Webster, commercial director of National Power, said he was "utterly amazed" at the findings.

"The analysis on which the comparisons are based is faulty, and leads to incorrect conclusions which are unfair to coal," he said.

At Nuclear Electric, Bob Hawley, the chief executive, said Professor Littlechild's call for a cut in the nuclear levy was "pure dogma" and rejected any suggestion that sharper incentives were needed to improve his company's performance.

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By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE enquiry into bank treatment of small business customers, ordered last month by Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be completed after meetings next week between the leaders of Bank of Scotland, the British Bankers' Association and Mr Lamont. Businesses have comwas 2.9 per cent. Sir Nicholas Goodison, the plained that the banks have widened their margins as

interest rates have come down. so that they get no benefit. Last month, NatWest and Bardays cut their minimum interest rates for business accounts, to allow customers the benefit of the 1 per cent

reduction in bank base rates announced in the Autumn Statement. However, Barclays, which has 750,000 small business customers, has told the enquiry that it now charges customers with a turnv £250,000 an ave age of 3.4 per cent over base rate. A year ago the average

president of the British Bankers' Association and the chairman of TSB Group, wrote an open letter to Mr Lamont after the banks made their submissions to the enquiry, expressing growing anger among banks, which feel they are being treated as scapegoats for the recession. He said he wanted to head a deputation of other bank chairmen to meet the Chancellor. He is expected to represent the BBA. Andrew Buxton, the chief Mr Lamont on Thursday. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest has accepted. At Midland it had not been decided whether Sir Peter Walters, chairman, or Brian Pearse, chief executive, would attend. Lloyds is still deciding whether Brian Pitman, chief executive or Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman who retires shortly, will attend.

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not you," Mr Sugar retorted.
Mr Sugar swiped at those in the City who had expected to be given inside information, which he had never been prepared to give. He regretted that insti-tutions with "big mouths when it comes to talking to the press" had stuck their heads in the sand when he asked if they would vet any short-list of non-executives applicants. He will remain chairman and

the "brass neck" to remain executive

directors now that the buyout plan had

board are 'plonkers', then it is the company which will deal with that issue

"If the non-executives say that all the

Amstrad plc lives. Shareholders wish it

Shareholders give Sugar a caning asked how the present board could have

been thrown out.

By COLIN CAMPBELL

FATE smiled unkindly on Alan Sugar yesterday. He had come to The Insurance Hall, Aldermanbury, hoping to bury Amstrad plc and read its will. The company's bequest would have been 30p a share to everybody who had been with

Amstrad at its corporate death. Instead, Mr Sugar was roundly defeated by shareholders who were not in the mood to mourn, and who did not want his 30p a share in their pocket.

Having boxed a few corporate ears, Mr Sugar went home with a corporate body that still has some life in it. The gods were not with him, but then Mr Sugar should have looked up at the stained glass windows of the Insurance Hall beneath which he sat. One pane was

devoted to Phoenix - which was evident-

ly the model that shareholders wanted mstrad to become

There were 7,848 shareholders who voted against the 30p offer, representing 99.13 million shares, and 5,518 shareholders (108.5 million shares) voted for. The extraordinary meeting that followed

lasted four minutes. Mr Sugar's failure to privatise Amstrad has cost him personally be-tween £400,000 and £450,000. Profes-

sional fees have yet to be assessed. Mr Sugar left his followers in no doubt that plans to "slim down" Amstrad are going to be implemented. "I will not do anything destructive or deliberately damage the company and I will be back in the office in the morning and storming around as I normally do."

chief executive ... "unless I make the tea lady the chief executive" he said. He looked forward to the arrival of two non-executives directors. A shareholder

UK defence firms hail Eurofighter go-ahead

About 40,000 manufacturing jobs in the UK have been saved by a four-nation agreement to produce an à la carte version of the European Fighter Aircraft.

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of Britain's defence industry reacted with near-jubilation to the decision by the defence ministers of Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain to continue work on the European Fighter Aircraft.

As many as 40,000 jobs in Britain will be safeguarded and Britain's defence indus-try, a world leader, will be able to maintain its position at the forefront of technology.

Hailing the "far-sighted" outcome of last night's meeting of ministers in Brussels. Air Vice Marshall Tony Mason, head of the Society of British Aerospace Manufacturers, said the decision was "good news for the aerospace industry and good news for the British economy as a

The future of the fournation project to design and build a replacement for the Tornado multi-role aircraft was thrown into doubt when Germany indicated its desire for a cheaper plane. The partners have now agreed an EFA "a la carte". Although they are expected to buy a common airframe, engine and radar, other systems will vary in sophistication.

EFA's significance for British industry can scarcely be overstated. British Aerospace has a 33 per cent stake in the Eurofighter consortium. along with Deutsche Aerospace. Alenia of Italy has 22 per cent and CASA of Spain has 13 per cent.

These shares, which are reflected in national workshare arrangements, reflect the number of aircraft which each state was originally expected to buy, some 765

warplanes in total, of which 250 would equip the Royal Air

Rolls-Royce, the turbine maker, is a leading partner in the consortium that will build the plane's engine.

A third of the work to be undertaken under the £22 billion programme would thus accrue to British companies. Revisions to the programme and the search for economies may pose some difficulties for manufacturers, particularly if the production phase is delayed. But these pale when set against the restructuring that would have resulted from cancellation.

About 300 UK firms are involved; for many, the project is the key to maintaining a position in the vanguard of aerospace technology. British companies are lead managers on many programmes. GEC Marconi, for example, has more than 3.000 people working on EFA systems, including the ECR90 radar, headup display units, and the plane's fly-by-wire control

Experience gained on EFA has been crucial to the company's success in winning development contracts on EFA's American equivalent, the F22. GEC Marconi's American subsidiaries, working in partnership with UK operations. have won the contract to develop the F22's fly-by-wire

system, for example.

BAe said the German decision to defer first deliveries until 2002, while the RAF wants its first planes in the vear 2000, would pose some difficulties. However, it believes there will be no undue loss of production economies.

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Interim Results

Electricity plc

Interim results for the six months ended 30 September 1992 (unaudited)

"Despite the difficult market conditions, which even the

traditionally resilient area of the South West is inevitably

achieving improved customer service standards beyond the

levels which helped us earn a Charter Mark Award earlier

I am also pleased to report that we have made considerable

progress in developing new businesses, such as wind power

£15.9m £13.6m



Sharp cards: Keith Chapman reported higher profits, but said monetary crisis had dented confidence

Seasonal cheer at Fine Art

DESPITE economic gloom, Keith Chapman is looking forward to a happy Christmas at his Yorkshire home.

Fine Art Developments, the greetings card maker of which Mr Chapman is chairman, reported pre-tax profits of £4.95 million in the six months to September, com-pared with £4.5 million previ-

Operating profit was up only marginally but interest payments fell from £5.2 million to £4.8 million. The interim dividend is raised from 2.7p to 3p.

Mr Chapman says: "The collapse of the government's monetary policy in September and the resulting loss of consumer confidence had a significant impact on business activity.

Power duo fuel profit debate

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TWO more electricity distribution companies have fuelled the debate about high profits in the industry by reporting performances that comfortably beat recessionary pres-

sures during the summer. An £8 million reduction in the normal seasonal losses from the supply business helped Midlands Electricity advance taxable profits from £27.0 million to £33.4 million in the half-year to end-September. Meanwhile the smaller South Western Electricity raised pre-tax profits from

£13.6 million to £15.9 million. Both are raising their interims 12.4 per cent. Midlands to 6.35p and South Western to

The better performance from the Midlands supply business, which can expect to

17%

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make a profit for the year as a William Nicol, chairman of South Western, said market whole, contrasts with a flat performance from the core conditions facing the company had shown no visible distribution side and an adimprovement during the first vance at the operating level half. Operating profits were there of just £1 million to £61 just 4 per cent higher, but interest charges fell by 20 per cent as a total of £33.9 million million. The dutch of other businesses that Midlands owns, primarily the retail side of cash was generated during that from next spring will be the first half. merged with those of South-South Western is now two

ern and Eastern, improved by thirds of the way through a £900,000 to £2.4 million. Midlands' plans for diversithree-year programme to cut fication continue apace, and costs by 10 per cent and has already achieved an 8 per cent Bryan Townsend, the chairman, said the aim was to grow reduction. The retail business saw op-erating losses deepen sharply organically as a company operating across the spectrum of the energy field. Midlands will shortly announce its first project to generate energy from waste, putting £10 mil-

to £2.6 million against just £200,000 last time, reflecting the poor demand for domestic appliances.

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Compass serves up a healthy £34.9m

By DEREK HARRIS

COMPASS, the expansion-hungry catering and healthcare group, brought in full-year pre-tax profits of £34.9 million, up a tasty 9.1 per cent on the year before. Turnover at £345.1 million was up 7.5 per cent. The total dividend is

lion into a project worth perhaps £100 million.

12.3p a share, up from 11.4p. Compass is Britain's second largest contract caterer, but its biggest single dash for growth came unstuck when it failed in its bid to buy the Gardner Merchant contract catering subsidiary from Forte, the hotels and catering group. In the accounts, the cost to Compass of the aborted negotia-tions is given as £2.3 million

net of tax. However, after the financial year-end. Compass made two expansion moves. It acquired the profitable Travellers Fare, with its railway station catering outlets, as well as Letheby and Christopher, a leading caterer at sporting and other events at venues such as Ascot and Glyndebourne.

Francis Mackay, Compass chief executive, is keen to exploit Travellers Fare brands such as Casey Jones and Upper Crust by taking them beyond the key travel locations they are already in. He said: We see great scope for these brands. We intend both to strengthen and extend them to other areas of our present and future business activities." Catering operating profits in the full year were £27.6 million, up 4.5 per cent. This is in spite of the recession causing some contracts to disappear as factories and offices closed. To offset that, new contracts were pursued. Healthcare operating profits saw a rise of 7 per cent to £12.3 million. Overseas catering brought in £100,000.

Healthcare, mainly involved with running 15 private hospitals, saw good growth through consolidation in more mature establishments while building profits in hospitals acquired in 1991, Mr Mackay said. He sees scope for further growth because of the widespread moves towards hospital trusts

and GP fundholding. Compass is creating two new divisions that will concentrate on developing catering for healthcare and education establishments, a marketplace thought to have substantial growth possibilities that could go beyond £3 billion in value.



Mackay: hoping to expand

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

GUS rings up interim profit of £195 million

GREAT Universal Stores, the retail and finance group, has raised profits before tax from £183.7 million to £194.8 million in the six months to end-September. The half-year dividend rises from 12.75p to 13.75p out of earnings up from 49.2p to 52.1p. The A shares fell 35p to £16.18 and the ordinaries upon 12.75p. ordinaries were unchanged at £22.00. The home shopping division climbed from £78.2 million to £81.5 million at the trading profit level. Burberrys rose from £11.6 million to

Overseas retailing advanced from £8.7 million to £10.8 million and property rentals rose from £22.6 million to £25.3 million. Consumer finance and investment income increased from £61.2 million to £62.1 million. GUS said that firm control of overheads, emphasis on cash flow and productivity improvements have contributed to overall progress. Rationalisation and advanced warehouse systems have been in train for some time, GUS added. Tempus. page 26

Irish inflation to drop

THE Central Bank said that inflation in the Republic of Ireland could drop as low as 1.75 per cent next year. In its latest quarterly bulletin, the bank said consumer price inflation has tended to ease throughout 1992 and the trend is projected to commue into next year. The annual average rate of inflation is likely to decline from about 3.25 per cent in 1992 to as low as 1.75 per cent next year. The Central Bank also forecast that the Irish Republic's real gross national product would increase by 1.5 per cent in 1992 and again by 1.5 per cent in 1993.

Record for US banks

COMMERCIAL banks in America earned a record \$3.5 billion in the July-September quarter, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. However, officials noted that profits were driven in large part by historically low interest rates on deposits. The report marks the third consecutive quarter of record profits. Banks earned \$7.9 billion in the second quarter and \$7.6 billion during the first three months of the year. The industry, with \$24.1 billion in earnings for the first nine months of 1992, will almost certainly surpass the annual record of \$24.9 billion, set in 1988.

TVS bid opposed

SHAREHOLDERS in TVS Entertainment, the ITV contractor due to lose the franchise for the south of England, have passed a resolution to allow the £45.3 million bid from International Family Entertainment to go ahead. But IFE faces a sizable camp of aggrieved preference shareholders. Adviser Julian Treger, of Restructuring Advisers, said:

"There is a large group of preference shareholders who are not inclined to accept the offer from IFF. It's their choice not inclined to accept the offer from IFE. It's their choice whether they are going to alter the offer or have a large and vociferous minority shareholding instead.

LMS payout pegged

LONDON Merchant Securities, the property development and investment group, has maintained interim pre-tax profits because of increased rental income and reduced net interest payments. Profits before tax and extraordinary items of £11.26 million for the six months to September 30 were barely down, helped by a surge in interest income from £3.26 million to £5.73 million and property rental up 10 per cent to £15 million. An extraordinary item of £592,000 relates to realised gains, less tax of £220,000, from the sale of capital assets. Dividend is 0.8p again, part-financed from reserves.

Archer profits plunge

A. J. ARCHER Holdings, the quoted Lloyd's managing and members' agency group, told shareholders that profits would remain depressed for the next two years and that it was likely that the dividend would be cut next year. Taxable profits for the year ending September 30 plunged 70 per cent from £3.12 million to £940,000. The 4.4p dividend was held. Lower profit commissions, which have dropped from £2.2 million to £718,000, were to blame. Richard Maylam, the chairman, said conditions had improved during 1992 and that this trend could continue through 1993.

Norbain buys Baxall

NORBAIN Electronics, the closed circuit TV maker, is buying Baxall, a supplier of TV equipment, despite failing to exercise options to acquire 100 per cent of the shares. Norbain is paying £413,508. In October last year Norbain paid £100,000 for preference shares that would convert into a 51 per cent stake and had an option to buy the rest for a maximum of £2.5 million, depending on profits. Those rights were never taken up. In the meantime Baxall has improved efficiency, but provisions against stocks and debts prevented efficiency, but provisions against stocks and debts prevented it obtaining further finance to keep trading.

Dunkeld to restructure

DUNKELD, the clothing manufacturer, proposes a further reorganisation that will consolidate its 1p shares into 10p shares and raise £1.7 million by placing 7.1 million new shares at 35p. It is also paying £1 million to buy Slix, a women swimwear supplier, with £400.000 in cash, plus 1.1 million shares, and £1.7 million for Tern, which makes shirts. with £1.5 million in cash and 4.4 million shares. Dunkeld's bankers are converting £5.9 million of loans into 8.6 million shares and £875,870 of preference shares into 1.3 million

JFB interims down

PRE-TAX profits at Johnson & Firth Brown fell from £9.6 million to £7.2 million in the half year to September. John Clay, chairman, said trading conditions were the most difficult he had experienced. Acquisitions took turnover £5 million higher to £124 million, but there was an underlying decline of 9 per cent. Sales outside the UK were almost 40 per cent of the total. The final dividend of 2p gives a maintained total of 3n Mr Clay retires at the annual meeting and will be total of 3p. Mr Clay retires at the annual meeting and will be replaced by Martin Llowarch, formerly chief executive of British Steel, who joined JFB as deputy chairman in June.

Clinton's finance team aims to reassure

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton was announcing his first major appointments yesterday, an eco-nomic team designed to reassure the financial world and dispel the Democrats'

Lloyd Bentsen, the Senate finance committee's formidable 71-year-old chairman, was to be named Treasury secretary, signalling a determination to work constructively with Congress. The budget director was expected to be Leon Panetta, the House budget committee chairman whose passion is deficit reduc-tion. Robert Rubin, a top investment banker, was to head the new policy coordinating Economic Security Council. Mr Clinton, who has pledged to focus

"like a laser beam" on America's economy and next week hosts a Little Rock economic summit, was also expected to name Roger Altman, another Wall Street investment banker, as Mr Bentsen's deputy, with important supporting roles for Laura Tyson, a 45-year-old Berkeley economist, and Alice Rivlin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office. Mr Bentsen and Mr Panetta, both moderates, have been intimately involved. moderates, have been intimately involved in all major economic legislation for the last decade and should considerably enhance the new administration's

Mr Bentsen beat George Bush for his Texas Senate seat in 1970 and shone as Michael Dukakis's 1988 running-mate, squashing Dan Quayle in the vicepresidential debate with the single line:

"Senator, you are no Jack Kennedy." finance committee chairman he h finance committee chairman he hasupported greater fiscal encouragement for savings and investment. Critics contend he has championed deficit-widening tax breaks for the oil, gas and real estate industries, all big contributors to his campaigns, but his great attraction for Mr Clinton is his ability to persuade Congress to enact a recovery package.

Mr Panetta, a former Republican, should compensate for Mr Bentsen's lack

should compensate for Mr Bentsen's lack of interest in deficit reduction, enabling Mr Clinton to pursue early economic stimulation while credibly promising to attack the deficit later. Mr Panetta helped broker the 1990 budget deal, which lopped nearly \$500 billion from future spending and broke Mr Bush's "no new taxes" pledge.

Copies of the interim report will be mailed to all share holders and are available from Investor relations, South Western Electricity plc, 800 Park Avenue, Bristol BS12 4SE. Tel: 0454 201101

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POUNDUP

Pilkington to sell lens maker after interims plummet

By George Sivell

PILKINGTON, the glassmaker, yesterday put Sola, its spectacle lens manufacturer, up for sale after revealing a fall in first-half profits from £50.6 million to £15.1 million.

The group, which fought off a bid from BTR five years ago, is paying a maintained 2.93p dividend for the six months to September 30. But the dividend will have to be paid out of reserves because earnings per share of 1p have shrunk to losses of 0.8p a share. The shares rose 3p to 87p vesteriay

Sir Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said of the Sola sale: "Recession has forced us to do this." Sola is valued in Pilkington's books at £105 million but City analysts expect it could fetch more than £200 million. They think it could help Pilkington through to the end of the recession and help to avert another dividend cut

Last year's final dividend was cut from 7.57p to 3.07p,

making a total for the year of 6p, against 10.5p for the 12 months to March 1991. Some analysts criticise Pilkington for maintaining uncovered dividends. Sir Antony said, however: "It is our belief that prospects have improved, albeit in a panchy way. Conditions are not worse than in June, when we cut the final

dividend."

Pilkington said the Sola disposal was being made to reduce borrowings. These rose in the first half from £659 million to £730 million, before counting in an extra £50 million of debt created by the impact of the falling pound on debt held in foreign currencies. Gearing is currently 65 per cent, against 56 per cent at the last year end. It is expected to fall slightly by March, before allowing for disposal

proceeds from Sola.

Sola, which has its headquarters in Menlo Park, California, was acquired in 1979; it then had sales of £20

million. In the last full financial year, it made a trading profit of £15 million on sales of £155 million. In the latest half year, it made £10 million on sales of £85 million. Sola has more than 5,000 employees in 14 countries.

Yesterday, Pilkington said it had saved an annualised £50 million from costs over each of the past three years. About 1,500 employees were made redundant around the world in the first half; a similar number are expected to go in the second.

Pilkington says the pound's devaluation will have helped in Britain and that American automotive orders are forecast to rise by 18 per cent in the first quarter of 1993, year on year. The American residential market remains static. Germany is a concern, although residential orders have held up, especially in eastern Germany.

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Dark glass: Sir Antony Pilkington, left, and Roger Leverton, chief executive, said recession forced divestment

Eurotunnel shares hit by rift talk

By MARTIN WALLER

A FRENCH press report of a rift in the negotiations between Eurotunnel and the group of contractors building the Channel tunnel sent the shares sharply lower at one time, before the tunnel operator denied any breakdown.

The shares later recovered to end 6p lower at 347p, after earlier falls of about 15p. But Eurotunnel's statement, accompanied by a refusal to comment from Transmanche-Link, the contractors' consortium, suggests the costoverrun talks may be going through a difficult phase.

through a difficult phase. L'Agefi, the French financial daily, said the contractors had sent Eurotunnel a letter breaking off negotiations on November 30.

A statement from Eurotunnel later said: "In the light of correspondence and conversations between the parties since that date, Eurotunnel does not believe those reports are justified."

sir Alastair Morton, cochairman of Eurotunnel, warned contractors in September that if the talks were not concluded within a few weeks there could be no settlement at

Holders of shares fall to 9m

By DEREK HARRIS

THE number of shareholders in Britain, boosted by privatisation issues, probably peaked at about 11 million people after the electricity companies were floated in 1990. Now, as short-term holders have fallen away, there are 9.26 million of them, according to a survey for ProShare, the body for wider share ownership.

That is more than treble the number of people holding shares in 1980, when equity holders stood at between 2.5

million and 3 million.

But not so many Sids, getting their first taste of share owning from privatisation flotations such BT and British Gas, have gone on to more adventurous buying in the market. Only about 200,000, or 2 per cent of all shareholders, have turned into super-Sids by taking stakes in non-privatised companies.

The ordinary Sids, owning only privatised shares including TSB, are the biggest group of shareholders. There are about 5.7 million of them, or 62 per cent of shareholders.

Traditional sharebuyers number about 1.6 million people, or 18 per cent, of the

shareholder population.

This emerges from a Mori survey for ProShare, the organisation set up to encourage wider share ownership. ProShare was launched with the backing of the Treasury, the London Stock Exchange and industry. Geoffrey Maddrell, ProShare's chief executive, admitted there was "a major task facing us if we are really to achieve our aim of creating widespread active involvement of individuals in

the equities market."
Abbey National's free shares hand-out to customers at the time of its market launch created a distinct category of shareholders. The number of people owning Abbey National shares without their either buying them or any other type of share amount to about 800.000 or 8 per cent of all shareholders.

About 1 million people own shares only as a result of their

Courtaulds wins ICI go-ahead

Courtaulds has received government clearance for the acquisition of ICI's aerospace and defence coatings business based in Germany, France and Britain

and Britain.

The acquisition was announced on October 20 and completion is expected at the end of December. No fixed assets are to be acquired. In 1991 turnover of the business amounted to about £5.5 million.

The acquisition will form part of Courtaulds Aerospace, a supplier of products for the aerospace and defence industries in Europe, North America, the Far East and Australia.

Loss halved

Pressure on working capital as customers delayed payment and suppliers pressed for early payment, added to woes at Phoenix Timber, where a trading loss prevented the hopedfor reduction in borrowings. The pre-tax loss in the six months to September was halved to £533,000.

Robert Shepherd, the deputy chairman of Pentland who has recently undergone major heart surgery, is to retire from the board at the end of this

Graig approach
Graig Shipping, which specialises in bulk cargo trade, said it had been approached about

it had been approached about a possible takeover offer. The shares leapt 38p to 113p.

Payout pegged

Booth Industries saw interim pre-tax profit reduced by twothirds to £110,043 in the half year to September, but is maintaining the 0.7p interim.

Avon Rubber

The picture of Tony Mitchard, chief executive of Avon Rubber, which accompanied the report of Avon's grofit recovery in yesterday's Business News (page 23) was mistakenly identified as being Lord Farnham, who is the chairman of Avon.

shares only as a result of their employment or that of a relative. Government to Stop

union ballot funding
By Robert Morgan and Ross Tieman

THE government is to stop funding trade union ballots, and end assistance for training of union officials. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said last night.

ln a Commons written reply, she said that the schemes, which cost £5.7 million last year, would be phased out over three years. Union leaders reacted with fury. They complained that the ballot money, amounting to £4 million last year, was being taken away just as the government was extending legal obligations on unions to ballot their member-

ship before industrial action.

In addition, they regretted the loss of £1.7 million of assistance for training union officials, arguing that some of the training was in health and safety work, and counterbalanced assistance to companies

for training managers.

Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, called the move "a

calculated blow designed to destroy state support for good union practice." The decision was "ideologically based and has been taken without even the pretence of consultaion."

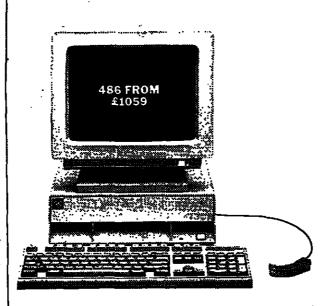
Both schemes will cease to operate from April 1, 1996. The ballot funding scheme was set up in 1980 to encourage the voluntary practice of secret balloting at a time when there were no statutory requirements for unions to ballot their members before calling strikes or electing leaders. Since then the law had

Since then the law had changed and secret ballots on most big issues are required by law. The scheme operates largely as a public subsidy and the government has therefore the detailed it should end

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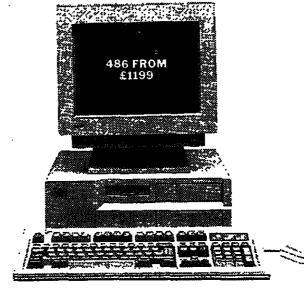
The training grant goes back to 1976. It was intended to be used to teach union leaders how to carry out collective bargaining duties with a view to reducing the number

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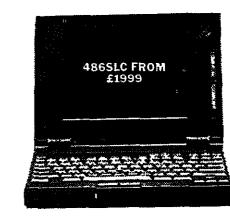
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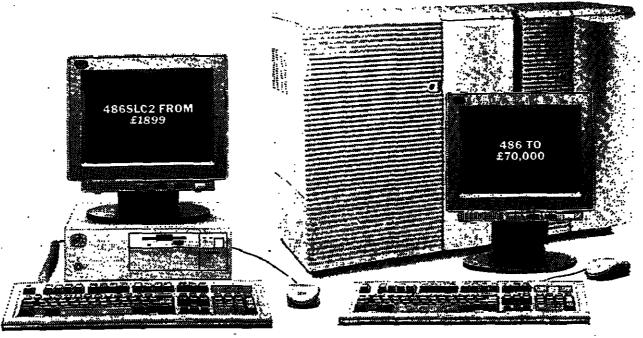
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WORLD MARKETS

Dow lower in early trade

and Britain refused to budge in key talks that investors

hoped might soothe escalating

bilateral tensions over Hong Kong's future. The Hang

Seng index lost 65.46-points, I_23 per cent charges

1.23 per cent, closing at 5,273.79.

☐ Singapore — Shares closed easier on blue-chip losses after

buyers backed off. The Straits

☐ Sydney — The market

shrugged off a record unem-

imes industrial index eased 4.36 points to 1,442.38.

New York — Blue chips were lower during quiet, late morn-

ing trade, dealt a blow by losses in IBM and GM.

according to traders. They said that the selling, also

evident in the broad market.

was orderly because the mar-

ket had become over extended.

The Dow Jones industrial

average was off 9.46 points to

☐ Tokyo — Shares closed up but well off highs in active

STOCK MARKET

Double blow dealt to City investors

SHARE prices fell sharply as investors were dealt a double blow by the Bundesbank's decision to peg German interest rates and the Chancellor of the Exchequer's claim that he was ruling out another early cut in bank base rates.

The City had been anxiously awaiting the Bundesbank meeting all week in the forlorn hope that the Germans might ease their monetary policy.

But it became clear by about midday that the Germans had no intention of cutting rates and this was the signal for prices to accelerate their losses.

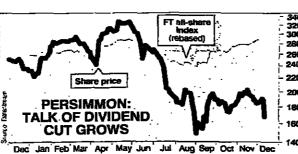
The FT-SE 100 index closed near the worst of the day, 24.2 down at 2,726.5 as Wall Street kicked in lower with the Dow Jones industrial average recording an early fall of almost 20 points. Turnover was boosted to 711 million shares as traders began squaring-up their end of account

positions. Many investors had already chosen to take their profits ahead of the Bundes-

The tobacco companies were depressed by talk that the European Commission was ready to impose further restraints on tobacco advertis-ing. That left BAT Industries 18p cheaper at 954p and Rothmans International B 20p off at 633p.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper group, fell Sp to 143p after the company's own broker made its third profit downgrading this year. UBS Phillips & Drew has cut its forecast for the current year by £25 million. to £160 million and for 1993 by £32 million to £158 million It blames falling pulp and paper prices and the gloomy outlook for the European economy.

Persimmon, the house-



builder, touched 168p before closing 11p down on the day at 177p as worries about a cut in the dividend intensified.

Farlier this week. Kleinwort Benson forecast a cut in the payout from 8.6p to 6p as margins continued to come under pressure. Pre-tax profits this year are expected to drop from £22 million to 12 million.

Lourho made further headway, adding op to 85p as City

investors continued to ponder the proposal by Tiny Rowland, chief executive to sell half his 15 per cent holding to Dieter Bock, the German business man, at a premium

Herr Bock also intends to underwrite partially a threefor-ten rights issue of 200 million shares at 85p by Lonrho, designed to reduce debts of E947 million. The group is also selling its VAG

to the ruling market price.

car distribution business to Volkswagen for £124 million. Pilkington, Britain's bigest glassmaker, rose 4p to

88p after maintaining the dividend in spite of a drop in half-year profits from £50.6 million to £15.1 million. The Guinness share price again lost ground after a

warning from the company about deteriorating trading conditions, with the price dropping a further 20p, for a two-day loss of 43p. Analysis yesterday began downgrading their profit estimates with the company's own brokers, James Capel and Cazenove, leading the way.

Capel is thought to have cut its forecast for the current year by £40 million to £920 million and for 1993 by £55 million to £970 million.

BZW has cut its estimate for 1993 by £80 million to £980 million. Compass, the contract

catering group, fell 4p to 499p after reporting a small rise in full-year pre-tax profits of almost E3 million to E34.9

Earlier this year, the group pulled out of a deal to buy Gardner Merchant from

Forte, 3p lower at 165p. National Express, the coach operator, made an encouraging public debut after a plac-ing and offer for sale that was twice subscribed. The shares started life at 165p and ended the session at 171p, a premi-

um of 6p.

Tadpole Technology, this week's newcomer, continued to go from strength to strength, with the price climbing I lp to 146p. That compares with the original placing price of 65p. The group has recently secured a major contract with IBM.

MICHAEL CLARK

trade on strong buying from public pension funds and ployment rate of 11.4 per cent brokerage dealers. The Nikkei and posted significant rises across the board in heavy average was up 95.08 points. or 0.55 per cent, to 17,501.30. Hong Kong — The market trade.The All-Ordinaries index closed up 19.1 points to suffered another loss as China WALL STREET

Pilkington starts to sell the family silver

forced Pilkington to start selling the family silver. Shareholders may now feel ambivalent about the successful defence against BTR in 1987 when the shares stood at an equivalent 200p in the market before soaring to an all-time high of 355p in July

of that year. Yesterday, the shares stood

PROLONGED recession has at 88p. up 4p. after the glassmaker revealed half-year pretax profits down from £50.0 million to £15.1 million. BTR was apparently correct when it said the price it might have to pay to win would be too high for a cyclical business.

The defence was all about continuing research and not simply turning Pilkington into a cash machine. It now

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THE GREAT

Comparative Consolidated Profits

on an F.R.S. 3 basis

(unaudited)

The interim dividend amounts to £34.0m (last year £31.5m) and will be paid on 29th March, 1993 to ordinary stockholders on the Register at the close of

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es four major divisions and the analysis of contribution, together

The six months' comparative results conform with ERS 3. The Group still

The diversified and balanced nature of business activities and the strength of the balance sheet continue to provide a measure of support particularly valuable in present conditions. The distribution of net worth remains well

Home Shopping Division was helped by further investment in areas detailed

below. Burberry results including royalities progressed. Prudent lending policies enabled the Consumer and Corporate Finance Division to contain bad debt and this factor contributed to a modest improvement in profit. Rental income from the Property Division advanced following reviews of existing leases in overseas retailing South Africa produced a good result, with the Canadian

Firm control of overheads, emphasis on cash flow and productivity improvements have contributed to overall progress. Anticipating events to a

degree, the Group over the past years has rationalised and streamlined its operations and invested in improved customer senace and advanced systems for warehouses, offices and distribution. In tendem, it has continued to develop

Last year reference was made to the problems lacing the world economy with

the caveat that the difficulties ahead should in no way be underestimated, and this remains the situation. The recent turbulence in the currency markets and remains the situation. The recent abasic malaise in an unsettled report fluctuating interest rates represent a basic malaise in an unsettled economic climate, making forward business planning hazardous and complex The first half of the present financial year has seen a continuation of the recessionary factors mentioned above. These challenging trading conditions

in seeking to assess the future a major domesuc factor will be the progress of multiplier industries such as housing and valueles. Recent government measures should facilitate economic growth in these sectors. The current and of the cold war so beneficial to mankind has brought the need for a measure of or the cold war as declared and related industries, and this factor will have reorganisation in the deterior and related industries, and this factor will have profound implications for employment, inflation and investment. To replace lost capacity targeted infrastructure and other capital investment – including ment. Funding of these priorities will have to be carefully timed

In a volatile and unsettled economic climate, the Group continued to generate a positive cash flow and maintain a virtually ungeated balance sheet. The

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ses its efforts on improving earnings, dividends and net asset

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Analysis of overall pre-tax trading profit contribution

U.K. and overseas home shopping and related activities

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business on 26th February, 1993

U.K. and overseas home shopping and related activities

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Burberrys products and retailing

Overseas retailing

Realised property profit

Exceptional items

Profit after taxation

Minority interests

Interim dividend

Overseas retailing

Geographic Areas

United Kingdom

Western Europe

Far East and Africa

North America

says that 10 per cent of sales came from new higher margin products introduced in the past five years. The cost of research and development is intended to be kept at between 2 and 2.5 per cent of sales, or about £50 million. Annualised costs of £50 million have been taken out over the past three years.

Debts rose from £659 million at the year end to £730 million at the half-year end before counting in £50 million of depreciation damage from the falling pound inflicted on overseas borrowings. Debts are expected to fall a little by the year end, disregarding the expected disposal of Sola. which is in the books at £105 million and could bring in £200 million plus.

Pilkington feels that maintaining the interim dividend was justified as trading has deteriorated since the final dividend was cut in June. Indeed, it says it is seeing an improvement, albeit patchy.

Analysts think Pilkington will make £40 million before tax in the full year, but a high tax charge reduces earnings almost to zero. A maintained dividend would be uncovered for the third year running even if it does offer a yield of 9 per cent. The shares are unlikely to move much until the Sola disposal. If the price is right, it could just see the company through the rest of the recession.

Electricity

MIDLANDS Electricity. which had debt of £75 million



Low gearing: Bryan Townsend. of Midlands Electricity

BRITISH FUNDS

injected on privatisation at the end of 1990, paid a total interest bill in the summer months of this year of £300,000. Gearing at Midlands, of which Bryan Townsend is chairman and chief executive, is now, to all extents and purposes. nil, although seasonal factors will push it up again to modest

levels by the end of this year. Little further proof is needed why the regulator, fresh from a round of generatorbashing yesterday, is going to have to apply himself to far stricter price limits in two years to ensure that the electricity distributors are not allowed to store up huge cash balances to the benefit of any

hypothetical future predator. The eventual deceleration of the electricity gravy train has City analysts and, now and again, regulatory risk unsettles the shares, but the prospect of dividend increases outstripping inflation by 6 to 8 per cent will keep the sector on most long-term buy lists

Midlands is one of those distributors that are keenest on diversification, hoping to build a widespread energy business, taking in generation and gas. The success of that policy so far, the offloading of the retail business into the Eastern-Southern consortium

and the recognition that all

for a good time yet.

sides of the business are profitable on an annualised basis, are all reflected in the rating, the shares yielding 5.6 per cent against a sector average approaching 6.

South Western is taking a more cautious approach, a fact that explains a prospective yield in line with the sector average. Distribution volumes in the less important first half were down, reflecting the recession that reined in demand. As with the rest of the sector, existing shareholders would be unwise to bail out for now.

GUS

THE longer the recession has gone on, the further GUS shares have outperformed the market. As predictable as the 46th year of improving profits at the retail group is the inevitability that as the recession eases so will the attractiveness of the shares. City wisdom is that conser-

vative accounting at GUS helps it keep a bit behind for a rainy day, especially in the consumer credit business. But as the company lumps its credit results in with the return on its cash hoard, one can never quite be sure. For the current year, the City is looking for £465 million, stripping out property and before tax, exceptionals, against £441.5 million, giving earnings of 125p and putting the company on a prospective multiple of just under 13. A dividend rise of 2p to 42p leaves a prospective yield of 3.46 on the A shares, Hold.

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GOVERNMENT securities failed to hold on to an early lead as the number of sellers increased after the Bundesbank decision to peg interest rates at current levels.

Trading conditions were, thin, helping to exaggerate the falls. Investors ignored the first of the Treasury's monthly monetary reviews indicating an upturn in some areas of the economy. They concentrated on Norman Lamont's comments ruling out another early cut in inter-

est rates. Prices drifted lower throughout the afternoon. At the longer end of the market. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased more than £4 to finish at £1015, while in shorts Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 fell £4 to £1081116. On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt touched £100% before finishing 18 ticks lower at £991132.

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J Cropper 161p (+12p)	Rothmans B 643p (-20p
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Wise men scare money markets

S terling's fall from grace this week has as much to do with taking profits and playing safe ahead of the EC summit in Edinburgh as anything else. But investors have a habit of looking for justification for their decisions and the one most often cited on Wednesday, when the pound fell sharply and swiftly, was the call from two of the Treasury's new independent economic advisors for 5 per cent interest rates. Wynne Godley called for a further 15 per cent devaluation of the pound, clearly at odds with the Chancellor's statement last week that he did not want sterling to fall further - repeated yesterday as sterling remained under pressure.

The views of these particular economists are by no means new but, just when financial markets were beginning to believe that rates may not even fall to 6 per cent, the mention of 5 per cent inevitably jolted their attention. The market's assumption seems to be that the Seven Wise Men will have real influence on policy and a key sentence in the Treasury's invitations to each of the seven suggests why this misapprehension has taken hold. Apart from supplementing the Treasury's internal forecasting of the economy, the members would "also be invited to comment on policy developments and to provide recommendations". That sounds like a laudable attempt to democratise policy-making but, after a day of discomfort on the financial markets, the Treasury has moved to distance itself from such perceptions.

Officials are now pointing out that the most important contribution of the panel would be its forecasting expertise, not its policy recommendations. These would be noted, but then they always have been. All this suggests that the panel simply provides a formal framework for advice and forecasts, both of which always been freely available to the Treasury which remains free to act on it or not. The crux of the matter is whether or not the wise men are to be policymakers in their own right or advisers chosen for their expertise in forecasting. To an extent the market has chosen to believe the former. The Treasury now appears to be encouraging the latter view. The truth will probably emerge some-

Unhelpful offer

tephen Littlechild's interim report on electricity contracts does no favours for Michael Heseltine's efforts to correct mistakes on pit closures through his energy review. The electricity regulator may thus demonstrate his independence. It is hard to see what else he achieves. The report finds that contracts signed for power from gas-fired stations were perfectly reasonable, at the time. This is an important caveat when it is plain that vital factors

have changed, including big cuts in the price of coal.

There are other unhelpful caveats. Mr Littlechild insists he can only compare contracts on offer, yet it appears that the distributors wanted long-term base load contracts from new suppliers who needed to construct new power stations but not from the coal generators, from whom power would be available whether or not there was a long-term contract. He comes up with high prices for coal-fired power stations because their power was not being bought as base load but for use only part of the time. The total cost therefore includes overhead charges to make the capacity available when it is not being used. This charge would disappear had the coal-fired power been considered for base-load power. Indeed, Professor Littlechild acknowledges that his review says virtually nothing about comparative costs. It is therefore useless as well as unhelpful.

Bursting of the Japanese bubble leaves policymakers stumbling

Industry is struggling, property and shares have crashed. But the government has yet to prove that it can cope, reports Joanna Pitman

he financial mandarins who toil for the Japanese government's Economic Planning Agency have woken up to an umpleasant truth. Their job gets harder every day. For almost a year, grim-faced officials have been forced into a brave, some say foolhardy, defence of their 3.5 per cent forecast for economic growth for the current fiscal year, in the face of a growing barrage of negative statistics, wielded by sceptical private economists at home and impatient financial policy

Now running out of defensive armmunition, they are having to prepare for a reassessment of Japan's undoubtedly ailing economy. And they do not like what they see.

Haruhito Arai, a senior co-ordination bureau official, said: "We have stuck to our forecast of 3.5 per cent growth all this time because we thought the economy would recover during the current fiscal year. We did not expect such a sharp fall in share prices and real estate prices." He concedes that the economy has slowed down this year far more than the government expected. Figures released last week showed that it contracted by 0.4 per cent in the third quarter, or by an annualised 1.6 per

Mr Arai said: "We were expecting a mild recovery this year . . . that was too optimistic. We are now not so optimistic on the strength of recovery and on its timing."

While the planning agency's

climbdown has not yet been translat-ed into a new forecast — officials are still doggedly clinging to 3.5 per cent — the change of tune signals a willingness to take more account of market perceptions and to consider an easing of fiscal policy, if Japan's already depressed business mood continues to plunge.

Private economic forecasters' responses to the government's apparent optimism range from polite demurral to open decision. The 3.5 per cent growth forecast is statistically impossible," said Chris Calderwood, an economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd in Tokyo. "We expect 1.6 per cent growth for fiscal 1992." Noboru Kawai, Morgan Stanley's chief economist, predicts 1.4 per cent. "The Economic Planning Agency has lost all credibility," he said. "We cannot believe it is still talking about 3.5 per cent growth." Nippon Life Insurance Research Institute has recently revised down its forecast from 3 to 1.6 per cent. If public and private forecasters are poles apart on their figures, they are united on their reasons for pessimism. All cite the



Clouded sun: personal consumption, which accounts for 60 per cent of Japan's GNP, is sluggish

"bubble economy", the wrenching boom and bust cycle that corporate and financial Japan has experienced

over the past five years. The years of cheap finance, which artificially boosted real estate and share prices and encouraged unprecedented growth in corporate investment, are over. Share prices have fallen 60 per cent from their 1989 peak and trading volume has dropped by 90 per cent. The property market, likewise, entered a tailspin. Some central Tokyo prices are 60 per cent below their peak and many believe that urban prices have still

further to fall. With official assurances looking less and less convincing, most analysts do not expect business conditions to pick up for another six to nine months. Additional evidence of a delayed recovery and of negative market perceptions are likely to be contained in the Bank of Japan's quarterly survey of business condi-tions, to be published today.

The survey, called the tankan, is closely scrutinised as the leading barometer of business confidence. The December tankan is expected to show another marked deterioration in sentiment in the past three months. In the previous tankan. published in September, the leading

indicator dropped to minus 37, meaning that the percentage of manufacturers predicting worsening conditions outweighed by 37 per cent those who said conditions would

At its peak, in 1989, the index rose as high as 55. Many economists expect the latest survey to show a drop to minus 42, a level that has not been seen since February 1976.

he great hope for a turnround next year lies with the implementation of the government's muchtrumpeted but long-awaited supplementary budget, announced last August. The budget bill currently lies becalmed in the Diet (Japan's parliament), low on a political agenda that has been dominated for the past month by intra-party bickering over apportioning blame for a huge political corruption scandal.

The new fiscal packs record Y10,700 billion (£55 billion), will increase public spending by an amount equivalent to building the Channel tunnel five times and then a new terminal at Heathrow Airport with the spare change.

The rapid passage of the bill is critical to the economy. It is designed to boost domestic demand and partly offset the collapse in private consumer demand and in capital spending that is threatening, according to private economists, to push economic growth well below 2 per cent for this fiscal year. At the time of the announcement, the government expressed hope that the package would boost the economy by 2.4 per cent in the 12 months from October.

Private sector economists have taken a different view. Bernard Siman, a senior analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo, believes the efficacy of the delayed package is in serious doubt. "The package will not contribute more than 1 per cent at most to economic growth for fiscal 1993," he said. "If the impact of the supplementary budget is to be measured in GNP growth, then we do not expect it to be very effective. It is too little too late."

Mr Siman is concerned that bureaucratic bottlenecks will impede efficient distribution of the new money and points out that of the Y10,700 billion, only Y6,000 billion will be channelled into measures that will contribute to economic growth. The remaining Y4.700 billion will be spent on purchasing land and will involve redirecting existing funds from the postal savings system (one of the government's most important lending programmes for small

Mr Kawai is more pessimistic. "The government's supplementary budget is grossly distorted and is maximising confusion. It simply involves front-loading of spending from next year's budget, accelerating public works investments in the first half of the year to artificially speed domestic demand. It will not have much impact." Many economists agree that growth stimulation will be small. Several analysts expect the government to have to prepare another supplementary budget next

In Japan, as in any other economy, the key to boosting growth is confidence. But Japan's business confidence is severely battered. Half-year corporate profits announced last month were down by an average of 40 per cent from a year earlier, and the Nikkei shares index is languishing, amid low trading volumes, around 16,000 to 17,000. Analysts say there is scant hope of a significant upturn for at least three months.

entiment plunged again with the publication of two new pieces of gloomy news: industrial production in October fell 2.6 per cent from a year looking for jobs exceeded the number of vacancies for the first time in more than four years. The latter statistic was interpreted as evidence that the slowdown is likely to affect millions of Japanese and delay any upswing in personal consumption, which accounts for almost 60 per cent of GNP and fuels economic regeneration.

If the Bank of Japan were now to weigh up the effects of the current lack of good cheer, it might be persuaded to ease credit further by cutting the discount rate again.

The benchmark rate was cut three times, from 6 per cent in mid-1991 to 4.5 per cent at the end of the year. On April 1, the central bank announced a further 75-point rate cut to 3.75 per cent, immediately after the government's decision to speed up public works spending in an early bid to stem the economy's slowdown. In late July, the bank again cut the discount rate to 3.25 per cent, just before the government began parading its Y10,700 billion rescue package.

Both of this year's cuts failed to impress the stock market and were widely dismissed as "too little, too late". Beneath the public scoffing at the government's apparent miscalcugrowing doubts over the efficacy of the latest "rescue" supplementary budget, there lies a growing sense that the government has allowed its much publicised "burst the bubble"

plan to get out of hand. The willingness of Yasushi Mieno. the governor of the Bank of Japan, to respond to the business mood will be crucial if Japan's economy is to turn the corner next year. The next two weeks will offer him a chance to ease credit and encourage his constituents to draw up their 1993 plans in a

By royal appointment

was rife after the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had hunch with their bankers, less than 24 hours after the announcement of the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales. They arrived at Coutts & Co's head office in The Strand — bankers to the royal family since the reign of George III (1760-1820) just a stone's throw from Buckingham Palace, at 12.15pm, were greeted by Sir David Money-Coutts, the bank chairman, given a tour of its premises and then moved swiftly into the ornate boardroom for luncheon, accompanied by a number of other directors, all of whom wear frock coats and are required to be clean shaven. She has lunch there probably once a year, it just happened to be today," a spokesman said. refusing to elaborate further. The ever-discreet bank did disclose, however, that it refrained from activating its magnificent silver and glass egg-timer, as is traditional for all other boardroom lunches there. Placed in the centre of the dining table, it serves as a diplomatic way of encouraging guests to depart once the hour-long emptying process is complete. The Queen's schedule ule confirms that she was allocated slightly longer. Her next appointment, opening a police station at Charing Cross, was at 2.20pm, which means that she spent almost two hours with her money

Clarke's honour DOES the same Bill Clade



ring any bells? Clarke, now 70. City, financial and industrial editor of The Times for ten years until 1966, was back in the Square Mile yesterday to receive an honorary doctorate from London Guildhall University — previously known as City of London Polytechnic. Clarke, who then spent ten years editing The Banker and now holds a number of non-executive directorships, was awarded it in recognition of his services to journalism and the City. One of his claims to fame is inventing the term "eurodollar".

Rule of thumb

SOME people claim that handwriting reveals almost everything about a person, but shareholders in the Papua New Guinea concern Kare Puga Development Corporation (in receivership), which in association with CRA. Australia's mining giant, is interested in a mining venture in the hills of PNG, face a particular problem if they wish to pursue this concept. Their directors have issued a statement after a PNG court ruling over land rights, and have "signed" it not with their names but with

their thumb prints, identified as "his mark". One Agiru Devabe has a particularly small smudge mark, while Malingi Tag has an extraordinarily large one. The court, nevertheless, ruled in Kare Puga's favour.

King of the road

SKILFUL driving won over aggression when Neil Payne, a fund manager with AMP Investment Management in a division once known as Pearl Assurance - swapped his Renault 19 car for a gokart and took on 49 other dients and staff of Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker. Payne, 30, described as "a class driver" by those who watched him win all six of his races, was said to have been considerably less aggressive in his tactics than Stephen Heaps, of Schroders, who came second overall. "The ability to overtake on the inside of the track, obviously practised on numerous occasions on the M25, was a distinct advantage," said Michael Stranks, of Henderson Crosthwaite, who estimated that he came about twentieth. Payne has gener-ously donated his prize, a colour television, to the National Children's Homes.

SMALL comfort for Rosehaugh, in receivership since November 30, but not enough to salvage it. The Broadgate project in the City of London. owned by Stanhope Developments — half of whose shares are owned by Rosehaugh has won the Silver Jubilee Cup award from the Royal Town Planning Institute for the best planning achievement.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

The advantage of volunteer advisers From Mr E. H. Salmon 3,000 young people to start up

Sir, At the Prince's Youth Business Trust, we were extremely interested to read in Business News (December 10) about the volunteer advisers helping art organisations to develop their business sense.

So convinced are we that one of the best ways of helping new businesses is to appoint a volunteer adviser that we no longer give grants or loans to would-be entrepreneurs unless they agree to the appointment

of such an adviser. There is no doubt that this is one of the primary reasons why an independent survey conducted by P-E International for the employment depart-ment found that 66 per cent of the PYBT-supported businesses were still trading after three years - a very much higher figure than for new businesses

generally. We have a team of 4,500 volunteers giving advice to young people throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland, but we are, of course, always in need of more as we are helping more than

Not only do the businesses gain from this scheme, but the volunteers report enormous job satisfaction is to be found

in helping the hard working young man or woman to launch new business at this Directors of multi-national

companies find that it brings them down to earth with a bump and puts them in touch with grassroot enterprise once more, the retired volunteer feels that he is doing something really worthwhile and making use of the skills he learnt while working and the middle manager advisers find that the enthusiasm of the youthful young man or woman is infectious and rubs off on them and their business activities.

Yours faithfully. E. H. SALMON (Director of Human Resources). The Prince's Youth Business Trust, 5th floor, 5 Cleveland Place, SW1.

Larger companies and prompt payment

From N. Brothers Sir, As a small business advis-

er within a local enterprise agency I often these days have to advise small businesses who have unfortunately run into problems of cash flow. These are frequently caused through slow or delayed payments against outstanding accounts and quite often involve both large companies and organisations

The CBI are to be commended for printing a list of companies who responded to their campaign for a code of

prompt payment practice.

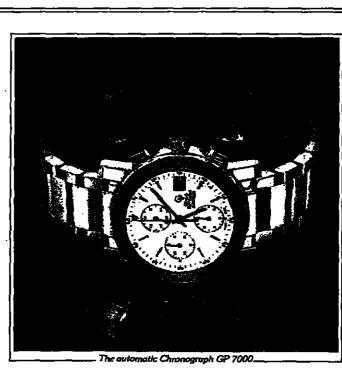
Many large companies/organisations are listed as having signed and agreed to adhere to the good practice of paying

our acknowledgement and support for their responsible action. However, this list also highlights the many large companies which are notice-

able by their absence. It is very disappointing, maybe significant, to see so many of the FT-SE 100 companies not listed, so failing to set a good example of good business practice.
As large PLC companies

one should expect an example to be shown by seeing them actively supporting this CBI initiative by signing, as by their absence it begs the question of "Whose Cash"? Yours faithfully,

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Heseltine expects early success in Gatt negotiations

WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CONTINUED protests from France over the farm trade deal between Brussels and Washington pose no serious threat to a successful conclusion of the world trade talks. according to Michael Hesel-

tine, the trade secretary.
In an interview with The Times on the eve of the European Community summit in Edinburgh, he said the dialogue between France and its Community partners was continuing and that he had seen nothing official to suggest that French objections would derail the reopened negotia-tions under the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Indeed, Mr Heseltine appeared to be in little doubt that the marathon Uruguay round

Michael Heseltine is confident the Uruguay round of the Gatt is set for a successful outcome, despite French reservations, giving a boost to world trade

negotiations were set for an early and successful outcome. Recent developments had opened up that prospect "more realistically than at any time during the past six years", he said.

France failed to stop the Gatt negotiations proceeding, despite putting up a fierce fight over the transallantic deal struck in November that limits subsidised farm exports.

The summit agenda provides for only limited discussion of the Gatt question, reflecting efforts to reduce the chances of France being forced into a showdown. Mr Heseltine said Com-

change member has with-

drawn completely from Japan-

ese equities. The decision is

due to a review of County

NatWest's global equity busi-

ness rather than the Japanese

market's three-year slump, Mr

The status of County NafWest's brokerage licences is also under discussion, al-

tage of a roaring bull market

Jameson said.

County NatWest quits Japanese equities

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

COUNTY NatWest is closing this is the first time an exits Japanese equities operations, with immediate effect. It will cease dealing in shares and share index futures at the Tokyo stock exchange and Osaka securities exchange and is currently in discussions with the two exchanges about what to do with its exchange

memberships.
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NatWest's 75 staff will be though the firm expects to be using them in its fixed-income dismissed. The final size of the operations. The National Westminster group's banking firm will depend on adjustments within National Westand capital market business in minster Group's 220-member Japan is profitable and growoperations in Japan, said Kevin Jameson, country maning and is not affected by the ager. The decision does not affect County NatWest's fixedwithdrawal from equities, said Mr Jameson. County NatWest Japan was established in 1986, when income operations in Japan or its group equities operations in America and Australia. many foreign brokers set up shop in Tokyo to take advan-

While other foreign securities firms have pulled out of the Japanese stock market, and cash-flush investors.

munity foreign, trade and agriculture ministers had "clearly concluded" last Monday to allow the Community to proceed with the Gatt negotia-tions. Trade diplomats this week conducted informal negotiations at Gatt's Geneva headquarters.

Mr Heseltine emphasised John Major's contribution to reviving the Gatt round, stalled since last year by the row between America and the EC over farm goods. He said it seemed clear that since the emergency summit in Bir-mingham in October, the Community had been determined to proceed with the Uruguay round.

The prize of a Gatt round successfully concluded is urgent and enormous," Mr Heseltine said. He believes the best way to attain that goal would be to reach agreement by the end of this year, allowing details to be deared up early next year.

France still insists that EC concessions to the Americans on farm exports must be offset by rewards in other areas, such as market access and financial services, but Mr Heseltine clearly expects the final agreement to be close to the draft act drawn up last December by Arthur Dunkel, Gatt's director-general. He said Britain saw a "very clear advantage" in open trade.

There were areas in which Britain had a special commitment, such as Caribbean banana production and protection of intellectual property rights. Overall, however, it would benefit from lower tariffs. Free trade in services. included in the Gatt for the first time, offered special scope for British firms. Estimates suggest that a Gatt deal could lift world trade in services by

Lonrho maintains its air of mystery

utsiders have never been quite sure whether Tiny Rowland's Lombo was a treasure chest or a can of worms. The group has had such a bad image in the City for so long that its parts have been widely assumed to be worth much more than the group's stock market value. Yet it has not faced a full takeover bid.

Lourho's own accounts out the value of its assets at £1.33 billion at the end of September 1991. That is equivalent to 204p per share against a current market price around 75p. Before some of the latest bouts of bad news, some City. analysts reckoned the assets could realise £3 a share net of the group's hefty debts. Yet there has been no rush

to buy. Even the latest cashraising plan has attracted little enthusiasm, although it will inject at least £85 million via a rights issue at above market price and raises a reported £124 million, well above book value, from the sale of VAG, the Volkswagen and Andi concession for which the franchise was up for renewal.

Several speculators have set up camp outside the ramparts, only to retire under fire from Mr Rowland's financial archers. Alan Bond, the Australian venturer, was the only one to prepare a serious assault, but it became evident that he needed Lontho's balance sheet to shore up his own shaky empire.

When Lord Hanson took a look, he decided that Lourho depended too much on myriad African businesses and that the good relations Mr Rowland has murtured with various African governments made him irreplaceable. This appears to have been a bigger factor than the weight of overseas earnings, unattractive to a group, such as Hanson, that already had a problem with advance corporation tax on its dividends.

In the City, Mr Rowland's dominance has increasingly been viewed negatively. though he created Lonrho from unpromising begin-nings. This has little to do with Mr Rowland's age.

Controversy has dogged the group ever since Sir Edward Heath, as prime



Company man: Rowland created today's Lonrho and gave it a siege mentality

seas payments as the unnacceptable face of capitalism. Twenty years ago, a boardroom battle that became a courtroom sianging match left Mr Rowland triumphant as the private shareholders' darling. But it led to the departure of conventional non-executive directors and made enemies in important City parlours. More recently, Mr Rowland's long-running battle with the Fayed family

exasperated the City.
Until recently, the group's communications with the City and the media reflected its siege mentality. Distrust therefore extends to Longho's financial structure. Analysts rely on its annual accounts for their information more than for almost any other big

These accounts have shown Lonrho's own estimate for the

that although Lonrho has paid handsome dividends, it is not good at generating cash from operations. Cash comes from judicious trading of assets. important non-African businesses are sold most years, often for a good mediunterm profit, but debt has built up with little sign of how the tide might be reversed.

n paper, the group seemed well placed for a recession it claimed to have anticipated, thanks to its expanding African mining interests, espe-cially Western Platinum. In fact, Lourho's results deteriorated alarmingly in the latest three half years, evidently to

management's surprise. Profits in Britain, essential to avoid a stratospheric tax ratio, crombled away. On year to September, earnings before extraordinary gains appear to be only £6 million, against a 1988-9 peak of £165 million. Operations appear to have generated net cash of only about £20 million before core capital spending of £200 million.

Assets have been sold fast, and Libyan money has been brought into the British hotel business, to keep borrowings within bounds. Sales of British assets such as VAG and the group's Scottish newspapers, however necessary, will only make future tax problems worse. Dividends have been cut sharply, yet there is an imbalance in Lonrho's financial structure.

Neither the latest cash injection, nor the putative arrival of Dieter Bock's trading talents, will do much to

Smaller brewers bubble in flat market

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TWO small brewers have demonstrated resilience in the face of a falling beer market. although prospects for the new year remain uncertain in the

ficensed trade. Fuller Smith & Turner, in West London, advanced from £3.61 million to £3.76 million before tax in the six months to September 30, and the dividend advances from 2.25p to 2.4p. Anthony Fuller, the chairman, said sales of Fuller's beer brands had risen by 9 per cent in a difficult market but profits had still been severely affected by recession.

Brand sales were helped by a 39 per cent increase in free trade draught ale volumes. Sales in Fuller's own estate were down while those of other brewers' products were up by 8 per cent. Mr Fuller said that was to be expected, as the company stopped brewing

lager last year. The brewer does not expect the same rapid advance in free trade volumes this year but is confident of further growth. Expansion of the Chiswick

brewery was on target. Mr Fuller said, and the brewery was producing at record levels. This year's profits would depend on the Christmas trade and the strength of any economic recovery.

Eldridge, Pope, the West Country brewer, saw taxable profits increase from £1.1 million to £1.6 million in the year to September 30, though much of the improvement was due to one-off factors and lower interest costs. A final dividend of 1.94p pushes up dividend of 1.94p pushes up the total from 2.64p to 3.25p. At the operating level, prof-its were up by 12 per cent to £3.49 million, despite de-pressed trade in July and August, said Christopher Pope, the chairman.

The company is writing down the value of its estate by an average of 15 per cent. In total. E9.4 million is being written down and charged to revaluation reserve. Mr Pope said the prospect was of a gradual recovery at best.

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Interim net assets slip at 3i

By DEREK HARRIS

NET assets were cut 6.4 per cent to £1,188 million in the first half at 3i, the venture capital group that has delayed flotation until at least the second part of next year. However, dividend income, badly hit in the previous six months, was up 4.5 per cent in the six months to September, compared with the previous first half. The interim was held at 3.3p.

There was a 6.5 per cent drop in net asset value per share — to 503p a share from 538p — which Alan Wheatley. 3i's chairman, blamed on the persistently difficult economic environment".

One factor was the writedown in the valuation of a loan to Isosceles, the troubled supermarkets group. There was also the effects of decline in the French stock market and a 3 per cent fall in the value of the UK equity portfolio. Additionally, net provi-sions were 10 per cent up on the same period a year before at £46.9 million

Realisation profits have slowed since the second half of last year. Mr Wheatley said: "We would expect activity in the unlisted sector to pick up as the economy recovers." Investments by 3i include stakes in about 4,000 smaller British companies. Investments overall in the first half amounted to £200 million, up on the previ-ous first half but well below the £283 million of the second half to last March during a temporary surge in confidence about economic prospects.

Mr Wheatley said the level of new investment had eased again.

SA steel venture launched

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

GENCOR, the South African DeLorean car as its principal Anglo American, have announced the official go-ahead for a 3,500 million rand (£737 million) joint venture, aimed at creating the sixth-biggest stainless steel industry in the world.

Brian Gilbertson, chairman of Gencor, admitted that it was not perhaps the best of times to launch such a venture, while the developed world was still in the worst recession since the second world war, while ferro-alloy prices were deeply depressed, and while the political uncertainty in South Africa had never been so severe. But he said that it was "an act of faith in the future of South

Africa". It was also not the most strikingly favourable omen to conduct the launch - at the Johannesburg Country Chib - with a stainless steel

mining giant, and its rival, exhibit. The project has been much delayed, no doubt by the uncertainties charted by Mr Gilbertson.

Had it been held up a little longer, it would possibly have had to be renamed, for the Columbus Joint Venture, complete with a logo of a Christopher Columbus's sailing ship. would have missed the five hundredth anniversary year of

But while he acknowledged that the project was "not a dripping roast", he said it had convinced six conservative boards of directors that it would make a satisfactory return on their investments.

the beginning of 1995. The hot mill will be commissioned in the second quarter of 1995. and the steel plant itself in the second half of the year.

the discovery of America.

The announcement of the site dearance contract will be made this month, and work will begin at Middelburg in Transvaal next month. Com-

The construction phase will create jobs for 5,000 employees, but by the time the plants are up and running only about a hundred extra positions are expected. Fred Boshoff, the chief executive of the Columbus project, suggested there would be opportunities for many further jobs downstream, as South African

companies were able to take advantage of the local product. Leslie Boyd, the chairman of the joint venture, who is deputy chairman of Anglo (the chairmanship will rotate between the two principals biennially) announced that the government's Industrial Development Corporation would missioning of the first plant — also be putting up the cold mill — is expected at share of the venture. also be putting up a third

Confident British Land prospers



SHARES in British Land rose 5p to 175p yesterday after the property group revealed a half-year dividend increase of 10.14 per cent to 2.28p out of earnings up 5.6 per cent to 3.8p. Pre-tax profits were 11.8 per cent better at £11.4 mil-lion, reflecting an increase of

16.7 per cent in net rents to £54.4 million in the six months ending September 30. The pre-tax figure ex-cludes £1 million of capitalised interest (£600,000 million). The interest charge rose from £38.5 million to f45.9 million British Land. which has made a virtue out of buying property in the

downturn, said empty proper-ties were held to 2.5 per cent of the portfolio. It does not reveal assets values at the half-year stage. John Ritblat. the chairman, said: "The improvement in property yields which we are now seeing has reduced the flow of suitable investment propositions, but we have made some new purchases." About £78 million has been spent on new investments and a further £13 million on updating the port-folio. Mr Ritblat says: "I have not altered the view expressed in June that the direct property market has now seen the worst of the recession."

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

LYNX HLDGS (final) Profits last time were £224,000 and the dividend was 1p. Turnover

rose from £4.05m to £7.5m. Mergers

and acquisitions being considered

Total dividend was 7.2p last time. Turnover up from £57.9m to £79.7m.

Loss was £512,000 last time, with

1.24p loss per share and no dividend. Group ahead of budget in

project engineering division

Provision of £600,000 made against

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Pre-tax: £115,000 EPS: 1,34p (2,86p) Dhv: 0.75p, mkg 1p WHESSOE (final) Pre-tace £8.3m (£7.4m) EPS: 26.3p (24.3p) Div: 5.8p, mkg 8p WIDNEY (final) Pre-tax: £313,000 loss

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There was a loss of £527,000 last time, with a loss of 2.21p a share. Signs of improvement seen in north of England and in Scotland

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Turnover slipped from £108.4m to £100.8m. Profits last time included consequential loss insurance of £1.6m. Disposals completed Turnover rose from £19.2m to £27.5m. Results helped by seasonal factors and the timing of contract

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As hospitals face cuts, the NHS is to spend £20 million on a controversial computer network. Michael Cross reports

The chips are down

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FUJITSU announced this week that it was the first company in the world to develop a working memory chip, capa-ble of holding 256 million bits of inform-

Japan's other giants of semi-conductor technology vigorously denied the claim, saying they, too, had similar technologies, but simply had not

announced them yet. A 256 megabit chip would be able to hold the equivalent of 1,000 newspaper pages on a sliver of silicon the size of a fingernail.

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public database service, Prestel can now access certain areas of the French Télétel database Accessing the French services costs 35p a minute, and the information available ranges from prices on the Paris stock exchange to details of French hotels and restaurants. French telephone directories are also available at 15p a

More than six million people in France have Minitel terminals that can access Télétel, compared to fewer than 100,000 users of Prestel.

Watch out

A NEW device could automatically gather information on what is watched on television by getting the viewers to wear it. The "pocket people meter" is a carryaround device, no larger than an electronic pager. which would detect codes which broadcasters would transmit in the soundtracks of pro-grammes, according to

its developers, Arbitron. The device is to be tested in the United States over the next two

NHS plays numbers game with patients

'If patients do

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om Sackville, the junior health minister, walked into a political minefield vesterday when he imreiled a scheme to computerise the entire National Health Service. The plan is known as the Information Management and Technology Strategy for the NHS.

The government proposes issuing new, computer-readable NHS numbers and building up a computer database of every individual in the country, in order to plan the population's health needs and arrange contracts for treatment.

Another part of the strategy is to link computers in hospitals, doctors' surgeries and health authorities into a single national

not benefit, we The minister also announced the launch of a longterm project to re-place existing mediwasted a great cal records — con-sisting of doctors' deal of money' notes, nurses' care plans and images

— with allsuch as x-ray films electronic records.

The aim is to ensure that NHS hospitals throughout the United Kingdom and other state medical organisations, which between them spend about £350 million a year on computers, all keep in step with the move towards integration. Scotland already has its own information management plan.

The Department of Health's information management group, which drew up the new scheme, also hope it will force suppliers to conform to "open systems", computing which means hardware and software can be interchanged reliance, no contracts," one official

The main purpose is to underpin the reforms which last year split the NHS into an "internal market" of organisations buying and selling care. This would not work without a way of tracing patients through the system, and with it a method of sending the bill for treatment to the

right health authority.
Mr Sackville, speaking to around 600 health service managers at a conference in Birmingham, stressed the importance of information technology in providing "patient-centred care". "If the patient does

not benefit, then we will have wasted our time and a great deal of money," he The minister add-

ed that the new strategy should increase efficiency in the health service. The goal was to radically reduce the number of paper messages that circulate the health service each year, which at present amount to something like one

However, a health service computer network is likely to cause controversy for two reasons. First, it represents a substantial investment at a time when hospitals throughout the country have announced that they are cancelling operations in order to meet cash limits.

The project to introduce new NHS numbers will cost about £20 million. The NHS already has a dismal reputation for getting value for money from its computers. Mr Sackville referred to "some recent



Race against time: but the introduction of a large scale computer system caused widespread chaos to London's ambulance service

In June this year, Wessex Regional Health Authority admitted that half the £43 million it had spent on a region-wide computer network had

More seriously, the London Ambulance Service last month suspend-

Paper chase: medical records are to be stored electronically

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Part of the package announced sterday includes a set of guidelines designed to ensure that computers give value for money. They will require any hospital wishing to spend more than £1 million on systems to present a business case for

the investment, including procedures for evaluating the technology after installation. The second source of controversy

surrounding the proposed system is likely to concern the use - or abuse - of a national database of confidential information. Again, the minister attempted to

head off fears by announcing new guidelines to prevent information on computers falling into the wrong hands. But organisations such as the General Medical Services Council, which represents GPs. and the government's Data Protection Registrar, have already sounded alarms about the NHS's use of computers. One issue is the new network of

patient registers, called Administrative Registers, which will begin pilot trials in spring. Although these will contain no clinical data, they will list addresses of individuals and names of clinics with which they are seeking treatment.

Some GPs are worried that information given in good faith by patients to family doctors will be passed on to other organisations, putting confidentiality at risk. For

instance, such leaks could reveal the whereabouts of women seeking refuge from violent husbands.

he Department of Health has already dropped one idea which alarmed the civil liberties pressure group, Liberty. Officials had originally intended the new numbers to carry dates of birth, as Scottish NHS numbers do now. The new "personal identifiers" are vital because the NHS at present has some two dozen different formats of number.

But although the new number, which will be introduced in 1995, will follow the Scottish pattern of 10 digits, officials said yesterday that it would contain no personal data. They said that patients will not need to know their numbers to seek NHS treatment. The officials also stressed that no organisations outside the health service would use the new numbers.

However, such assurances may do little to quell suspicions that the government is using the much-loved NHS to introduce national identity numbers by stealth.

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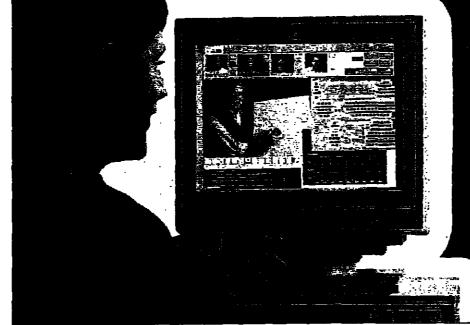
Experimental videophones have been around for more than a decade. They all suffered from two big problems image quality and transmission speed Prototype videophones showed flicker ing images at either end, and voices were seldom sync-

This was because the videophone really needed to be not much larger than an existing telephone, but getting high-quality displays that could fit in that space was a tall order.

The biggest problem was transmission speed. Most of the videophone systems produced in recent years have only been able to show between 10 and 20 image frames a second. At least 30 frames a second is required to achieve "full-motion" video.

dustry thought it had solved part of the problem by moving to the advanced integrated service digital networks. Or ISDN: information sent out over a telephone line could be ligital, just like that handled

by computers and CD players. When information is stored in digital format, it can be more easily manipulated by systems that incorporate computer processing power. Although these have been



Telling a thousand words: AT & T use a PC and codec for video communications

only key to the solution.

To get the kind of periormance and quality necessary to make digital videophone technology an affordable reality, a good deal of computer processing power is needed to

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ty, flat-screen, colour displays and data compression/decompression software is also needed, the latter required to squeeze the amount of information to be

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belpful, ISDN availability is these things successfully. Pro-not universal and is not the cessing power is now apand mainframe computer of only a few years ago. Highquality, colour flat-screen displays are in common use in notebook" computers, while compression software is be-

coming an everyday part of software The key to this libraries. is what is tant link in the

> videophone and personal computer chain came last month when Microsoft and Intel announced a package called Video for Windows, for creating, editing and incorporating

digital video into personal

computer applications.

The key to this is what both the computer and telecommunications industries call a codec — the code for compressing and decompressing video information. Video for Windows includes three codecs, which offer a range of compression algorithms that start with the ability to show simple computer animations moving to full-motion, colour video. The codec used depends on how powerful the

computer is. It is now possible to exchange data between two computers at very high speeds phone lines or ISDN switches. By turning full-motion video into just another piece of digital data, Video for Windows opens up the way for personal computers to sit at the heart of a videophone Live video signals from an

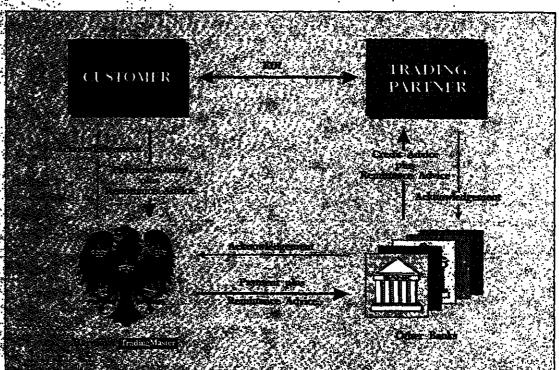
ordinary video camera can be without the need for any additional equipment. Sound, meanwhile, would take its regular route on a shared data/voice line, quite common in many ISDN systems.

The link between personal computers and videophones is not necessarily the way that telecommunications companies would like the market to evolve. Cost will be an important factor. Video for Windows, for example, costs only £140 and can be used on most modern desktop PCs.

Although the cost of a video camera and video communications software will add to that, the production volumes for such products are likely to make them available for only a small premium over the cost of a PC. And that could change for ever the way you look at them.

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Small can still be profitable

Replacing larger machines with desktop computers

may solve problems.

says Jane Bird ob Pamplin is seldom

woken by a phone call in the middle of the night these days. As systems manager for Bupa Health Screening, he is the one who has to get out of bed when a security officer spots a problem with one of the

But since Bupa replaced its large-scale machines with a network of desktop personal computers, there have been few problems. "I no longer get called in the small hours or at weekends to be told the air-conditioning has gone in one of the machine rooms and asked what I am going to do about it," Mr Pamplin says.

Improved reliability has been a bonus of Bupa's decision to throw out its old large machines in favour of the latest powerful and versatile personal computers - a process known as downsizing. Like many other computer users that have downsized, the main aim was to

save time, space and money. Downsizing has been made possible because silicon chips are doubling in power every 18 months. Personal computers already outstrip the power of mainframes of the 1970s and, by the year 2000, they will be 1,000 times more powerful than today. They have the further advantage that they conform to industry standards so that a wide range of prepackaged software is available.

Bupa decided to investigate downsizing in the late 1980s, when its four large and ageing minicom--puters and three smaller ones needed replacing. At that time it was spending about £500,000 a year on maintenance, including the cost of a five-man in-house support team and five software development staff on contract.

Moreover, the only word-processing software available to run on these machines was far too sophisticated for Bupa's needs.

"It was overkill. Our wordprocessing requirements were simple. We only needed fairly basic functions to send out reminder letters and patient reports," Mr Pamplin says.

There was also a problem of space. The minicomputers were housed in three air-conditioned rooms with raised floors and caviries in the ceiling for cables and ventilation. Bupa was in the process



Enthusiast: Bob Pamplin, systems manager at Bupa, says he "no longer gets called in the small hours or at weekends"

separated male and female screening units into one building near London's Kings Cross station. There was not enough space for

special-purpose machine rooms. After scouring the personal computer market in early 1990. Bupa chose a network of some 130 personal computers controlled by three fileservers. The total cost was about £250,000, com-

pared with approximately 22 million for an updated minicomputer system. Maintenance costs were less than one tenth their previous level. Mr Pamplin, whose

background is in mainframes, says: "We've had a few troubles with disc drives, but nowhere near the problems we had on the big machines".

Fewer staff are needed. The contract team has gone and three of Bupa's staff were laid off. "Previously, we had the task of ensuring that everyone's files had backup. whereas now individuals control their own data and are responsible

of amalgamating its previously for making their own security

Spare parts, though seldom needed, can be obtained more quickly and easier than before. Parts for the old minis were very expensive and took a long time if they had to be shipped from the United States," he says.

Bupa is extending the network throughout its 30 United Kingdom

'Small functional groups will increasingly develop their

> screening centres. By next autumn, plans to have around 400 personal computers nationwide. Another advantage of systems based on personal computers is that new applications can be created

own applications quickly'

much more easily than on the larger machines. Andy Smith, product marketing manager at Siemens Nixdorf, argues that today's personal computers have

software development tools that can be used by the growing number of sophisticated computer users within organisations. "Small functional groups will increasingly develop their own applications faster and expensively than large,

Another benefit is that, by putting power on individual's desktops, responsibility is devolved to staff, cutting out middle managers, and

centralised project teams can," he

reducing organisational hierarchies. However. mainframe suppliers dispute the costsavings, arguing that centralisation can be more economic in the long-term. Accord-

ing to Xephon. a mainframe consultancy, the cost per user of a mainframe-based system is £5,000 to £10,000 over five years com-pared with £9,400 to £15,500 for personal computers and workstations. Cost-savings are only made where the organisation is small, Xephon says.

A similar view is held by Peter

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Slavid, corporate systems business manager at ICL which sells all sizes of hardware from mainframes personal computers.

"Downsizing may have become the computer buzzword of the 1990s. but those corporate users who followed the trend could find that they have made an expensive mistake," he says.

He says some organisations which claim downsizing is much cheaper may be overlooking the time spent doing backups or system administration. Other costs include running the two systems in parallel while transferring from the old. and breaking up databases so that they can be shared on a personal

computer network. Meanwhile, large centralised systems are being redesigned to emulate the economies of distributed personal computer networks by running multiple processors in

Mr Slavid maintains that organisations should undertake downsizing as part of a complete strategy rethink, rather than solely for the cost advantages

From a crawl to a canter

The reputation of file servers for

sluggishness may be a thing of the past

"Did it work?

The answer

facturers and software developers of personal computers are trying hard to persuade corporate computer users to replace their tried and true minicomputer and mainframe systems with networks of personal computers.

But personal computer networks at the moment are typically used by only a dozen machines or so — although PC suppliers say they can handle much more and will continue to

increase capacity.

For years minicomputer manufacturers have argued that no matter how fast and powerful personal computers become. thay can never really replace minicomputers because they were not designed to run large "departmental" applications.

One of the big technological impediments was supposed to be that personal computers cannot handle large volumes of information. Personal computers that act as central storage

systems for other desktop computers on a network - generally known as "file servers" have a reputation for slowing

is yes' to a crawl when too many users require them at

Not any more, claim the manufacturers of smaller ma-chines. The Confederation Bank UK, for example, wanted a new system which would do several different things for them," says David Clarke, marketing director for Compaq in the UK. They wanted it to support the sale of banking services, to work on complex mortgage products, also to support mortgage broking and to drive office automation."

The first two alternatives they examined were based on large systems and came with between a one-and-a-half and two-year development timetable and price tags of £300,000 and £500,000.

"It was at this point that downsizing was considered. The most important question is, did it and The it work? The answer is yes. It was installed and up and running, very successfully, in six months for £72,000"

Advocates of downsizing sug-gest that it can provide benefits in both cost and time, allowing companies to use and integrate personal computer packages, which they could not do with a mainframe. PC companies now argue that "performance degradation" on high throughput networks has become a thing of

What could help is a new breed of personal computer the multiprocessor PC - that will supposedly eliminate information bottlenecks by allowing each of its processors to be carrying out different tasks simultaneously.

But critics argue that it is not the number of processors or the hardware design in a PC that counts - it is what you can do with them. And given that the most popular PC operating sys-tems — MS-DOS and the Apple Macintosh - were designed exclusively for use on single processor computers, many experts argue they are not up to

processors are in It is this ques-

tion that is crucial to the bate. Old-guard supporters of minicomputer op-

erating systems say that com-paring PCs with minicomputers is a bit like comparing the family car with a double decker bus. You might be able to shoehorn the power of a double decker bus engine into the

engine compartment of a large car, but it would in no way be eqipped to handle the job of a On the other hand, champions of the multiprocessor PC

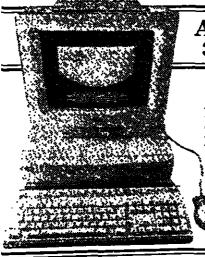
argue that the appearance of new and more powerful PC operating systems will change

But for most MS-DOS applications that currently run on personal computers, there will be little difference in running on a system with two multiprocessors and four. The real benefits will not start to be felt until users begin running software optimised for use under these new operating systems.

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> database. An additional problem

When computers talk the night away made to market the system two

upercomputers, the champion racehorses of data processing, are losing their temperamental image and their exotic price tags. It is the highest end of the market where, for some applications, even these traditionally expensive machines may start to offer an economicallypriced alternative to the

mainframe. Major business users such as banks and finance houses have long wanted to use supercomputers to analyse and predict the movements of markets or economies, in much the same way as the Meteorological Office uses

them to predict the weather. Until now, however, the multi-million pound cost has detered commercial buyers. leaving supercomputers in the places as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, where they are used to design aircraft and engines, and scientists at the large research laboratories.

Several factors are driving the cost of supercomputers down. One is simply the traditional supercomputer manufacturers trying to broaden their market with budget machines, but these have had limited success in the commercial market, largely because of the lack of reasonably-priced software.

The technology causing most excitement is parallel processing. Conventional computers run a program one step at a time, and efforts to speed the process up by devel-oping ever faster chips are running up against barriers set by the laws of physics. Parallel processing divides a task into many more manageable parts, each of which are dealt with by a separate

Parallel processing can be very fast indeed, but still poses enormous problems in decid-ing how to distribute the tasks among the processors, and how to handle things that all the processors need to share, such as memory space and the

crops up when tasks are linked, so a processor has to Ordinary microprocessors are being linked to form "supercomputers"



Professor Yakup Paker: working on parallel processors

system for parallel processors

being developed by Professor Yakup Paker, first at the

Polytechnic of Central London

and now at Queen Mary and Westfield College, part of the University of London. The aim of Equis is to

automate the difficult tasks of

parallel processing, such as the allocation of work between

processors, so that the user sees

the system as a relatively

Equus would consist of

an array of processors linked

in parallel with a number of

workstations networked to it.

the system uses ordinary

microprocessors as found in

personal computers, so the cost

Equus was originally devel-

oped as part of a government-

funded research programme,

can be relatively low.

Unlike many parallel arrays,

typical parallel process-

straightforward program.

wait for another processor to finish a task before it can continue. The messages being sent between processors can bring the whole process to a standstill if not handled with

must be sorted out before any but the simplest task can be put on parallel processing machines have, once again, restricted their use to academic and research establishments with such skills readily

Several developments re-cently are aimed at making parallel processing machines cheaper and simpler to one development is the use of clusters of workstations,

either to program and control the parallel processor and to deal with the output, or to link together to form the array

This approach has been by Equus, a software and though an attempt was

years ago, little came of it. The market was not ready for parallel processsing," profes-sor Paker says. "We are looking for interest again as the

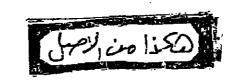
market is now a lot more mature". The American supercomputer firm, Convex, sells both traditional sequential machines and a clustered workstation system in collaboration with Packard. Last month, Convex announced an entry level supercomputer based on a very fast gallium arsenide chip, priced at around £500,000 - small change in the multi-million pound world of most supercomputers.

sible for banks and other financial institutions to obtain supercomputing power relatively cheaply by exploiting their personal computers. Such "building-wide" computers would link up the power from all the desktop machines

t is theoretically possible to regard every personal computer on a network as a node of a parallel computer. but the speed of the network could very quickly limit the speed available if the application requires many messages to be sent between processors.

One application that is already using personal computers as supercomputers is the animation industry in the US. To animate a simple video sequence can take even a powerful workstation half an hour for every frame. Now, several animation studios link up all their personal comput-

ers overnight.
Animation "video farms" of personal computers have shown that parallel processing can be practical. It is probably only a matter of time before those employed in banking, the stock market, insurance and many other areas will come in to work to be presented with up-to-date economic forecasts, generated overnight



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The time is right for the personal touch

n increasing number of companies are looking to rid themselves of expensive mainframe computers and move down in the size of machine they use to run their business. Personal computers and work stations are now so powerful they can carry our many of the tasks formerly handled by much larger computers.

By cutting back on this central resource, companies are able, theoretically at least, to save thousands of pounds in the running costs of maintenance, staff and software development.

In the longer term, however, these costs may be transferred into another environment and not eliminated altogether.

Some companies are recognising that a business's computing requirements may well be split to take advantage of both tried-and-tested and newer environments. The mainframe, or its much smaller cousin, the minicomputer, need not be scrapped. Instead, applications can be taken off them, piece by piece.

The Institute of Directors, for example, has lecided to keep its IBM minicomputer which it accepts is good at running essettial computing applications such as order processing and the provision of an essettial service for the IOD's busy busiless centre.

But it is prohibitively expensive and functionally inadequate for the institute's didn't give them what they wanted," says

Cutting computers

down to size is

increasingly popular for business, says

Clive Couldwell

management computing requirements. Hence, the IOD has decided to downsize one portion of its activities — a members information system — on to personal computers so that managers can access certain types of information when and how they like, using much friendlier pictorial-based software, such as

Windows.

Executives appreciated the value of information held within their computer system — five years of detailed profile information on members which could be used to compare behavioural patterns against potential demand for the institute's other business services. But the information was as good as useless because they could not get at it.

because they could not get at it.

"They'd ask one of the computer team to deliver a report which then took a long time to produce, came out on paper and didn't give them what they wanted." says

Tim Dempsey, the institute's deput manager of computing.

The solution was to bypass the computing department altogether, and duplicate the minicomputers store of information on personal computers, providing about 20 executives with quick and direct access to it, using a software package called Forest and Trees.

"Although it would have been possible to link the personal computers directly into the minicomputer, it was a costly alternative at the time," Mr Dempsey says, "When we originally looked at this, we found we'd have needed to double the minicomputers' capacity just to accommodate these managerial queries."

date these managerial queries."

Estimates predicted that would have cost more than £40,000, compared with the personal computer option at £10,000. Recent research carried out by the software services group. Hoskyns, suggests that downsizing activity has decreased recently. However, more than 20 per cent of switches planned from 1BM, ICL and Bull machines are now likely to be to PC-based systems, compared with 13 per cent over the last three years.

The study, based on interviews with more than 250 computer managers, found most claiming performance criteria as the major reason for downsizing. Cost and technology obsolescence are way behind in second place. And the criteria

Problems downsized: Tim Dempsey, of the Institute of Directors, which opted for personal computers

given for moving from one brand of computer environment and its software applications to another — a process referred to as "migration" — varied

widely.

A lack of flexibility and potential for upgrading, as well as the difficulty of communicating between software applications, were the most common reasons

given for changing computers. Pressure on space, and the running costs normally associated with mainframe installations, also prompted users to move. Migration from one computer to another was also seen as just an inevitable step to keep up with rapidly changing and expanding

chnology.

Despite the general perception that

downsizing is a path to cost-effective computing, more than one-third of respondents were unable to quantify the savings associated with moving from one type of computing environment to

For those that could quantify costs, some saved millions, while others had actually incurred additional costs.

In computers, size is not everything

Avoid the pitfalls of downsizing your system for the wrong reasons



Riggel results: the oil industry is suited to downsizing

ownsizing a computer operation may not always be the way of saving money that some would have us believe.

Even those manufacturers that are enthusiastic advocates of downsizing are no longer arguing wholeheartedly that the process will save massive amounts of money.

Steve Jordan. consultancy manager for Hewlett Packard, one of the main proponents of downsizing, believes there are two types of customers adopting the new techniques. The first are those who focus simply on cost and wish to reduce the amount spen on computing, the second type are those companies that foresee business benefits coming from new applications which would take too long to develop and imple-

style mainframe:
Two sectors
well ahead in down izing are the oil industry and financia instit
Networks can
result in greater
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utions. "The oil industry is constantly changing. Companies can no longer go out into the North Sea and just drill for oil." said Mr Jordan. The drying factors toward downsizing from mainframe to smaller machines in the oil industry are the recession, the stabilisation of the oil prices and the organisational changesthese conditions have

Although downsizing and open systems, of which the Unix operating system is the most common variant, are not synonymous, there is an increasing undercy among customers to levelop or purchase "open" applications when they downize, which can be switched easily between different branks of hardware.

switched distly between the ferent branks of hardware. Those cohpanies, like ICL and Hewlet Packard, which are heavily committed to Unix will inevitably be strong con-

tenders when customers are considering open systems if they are changing their existing hardware.

But commercial Unix hardware, although it has steadily improved over the years, is still seen to be limited in many respects and not suitable for some business applications. And a report from the American company, Forrester-Research, suggests that in some cases, downsizing may actually increase computing expense.

It suggests that the support and maintenance costs of a local area network, one of the favoured options for mainframe users looking to downsize, can sometimes result in costs greater than that of the original system. Although the latest genera-

works can doubtedly more powerful than their predecessors Nitt in greater at Hoskyns, believes that users should

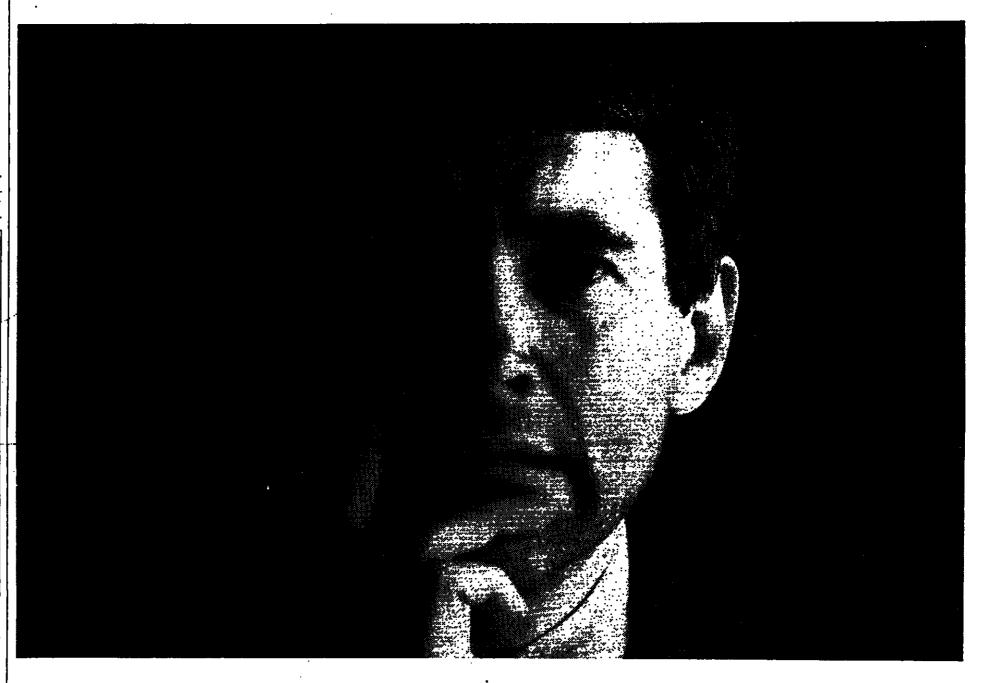
weigh up their options carefully before taking the decision to downsize.

"Most people's mistake is to buy some modern technology and not to think about the cost of 'migration'." he said. He believes that many users will migrate from older systems to newer ones, many of them smaller but equally powerful to the machines on which they have been running their applications. But the primary driving force behind the moves will be pressure from competitors who are increasingly taking advantage

packaged applications to gain a business advantage.
"While many large organisations will downsize, they should do so because there is a real business benefit" Mr

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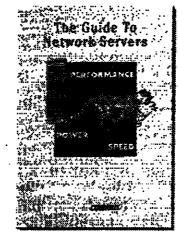
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is international equivalent 50 9000, have a useful role to he added: "The problem the standards with the standards transe that is to put the cart before He describes such saciands as "the bureaucracy of

They are simply a system and no more, he argues. He said: "These standards are like a driving test. If get through it merely shows The have passed the test and not and you are necessarily the best wound. It's also as if you write your wan test because that is what



"Yes, I'm keeping my head above water — unfortunately the water is up the creek" happens virtually with BS 5750." Having to address the BS 5750 question could at least mean that a top management would probably focus its attention on quality, Mr Binney believes

The danger is if they mistakenly think that securing BS 5750 deals for good with the quality question. Total quality is something which has to be constantly pursued, he

Mr Binney said: "Small busi-nesses by their nature are likely to have more TQ practices actually in place. Being good at what they do is usually how they survive in busi-ness. With a small team in a business it means lines of communication are short and that everybody is more likely to be committed, enthusiastic and

Mr Binney is scathing about the way some companies, mostly bigger ones, take up TQ programmes They are typically company-wide. training led and add-ons to existing jobs — and are at best ineffective. At worst, they inoculate the organisation against real change.

The study showed that what linked successful TQ companies was the way the leaders had worked out for themselves the quality principles by which they ran their husinesses.

These quality exploiters — ranging from Nissan UK and ICL's distribution arm to Federal Express in parcel deliveries and Club Med in leisure - point a lesson for any business. They achieve the greatest quality from everybody's commitment to it from the head of the business downwards.

But Mr Binney gives a warning that TQ is no panacea."A business needs to get the whole of its strategy right: total quality is only part of the answer." What he does emphasise is that quality usually pays off. An analysis of 3,000 businesses in Europe and North America showed that for every 2 per cent of improvement in a business's quality rating as judged by its customers there was a 1 per cent increase in its return on investment.

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Brushing up: Helen Angove, a model maker who turned her hobby into a business, paints in the detail on one of her salt dough dolls

Doll maker bets on party plans

'I am a very new business. I have no proper

premises and I am living hand to mouth'

By Rodney Hobson

A TRADITION dating back hundreds of years is being kept alive by one of the country's newest small businesses. Helen Angove, of Keal Cotes in Lincolnshire on the A16 north of Boston, makes dolls from salt dough.

The tradition is a German one. although the original models were plaits and wreaths to be hung up at Christmas. Settlers took the craft to America and Canada where it still flourishes, but Mrs Angove said that the process was not introduced into Britain until the middle of this century. She has now been made a master craftsman.

The basic ingredients are flour, salt, water and oil, but equally important are sweat and tears. She said: "I am having to work in my own kitchen and it is causing great strain and stress. I have one cooker for food and one for the models."

Mrs Angove and her husband, Adrian, live at the village post office run by him. At the rear is a derelict building that is 400-years-old and which was the original post office. If converted, it would provide a workshop, a showroom and an office. Refurbishment, including

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putting on a new roof, will cost about £5,000. Mrs Angove hopes to secure a rural development grant to cover 25 per cent of the cost. She started making models as a

hobby two years ago and set up as a business in June. She said: "I really am a very new business. I have no proper premises to work in and I am living hand to mouth." Help from Lincolnshire Enter-

prise has been invaluable, and an allowance of £40 a week is useful.

The products can take a week to

complete. It takes two hours to

make a model, which has to be left

for up to two days to dry. Baking is

done at the lowest oven tempera-

ture. Most models take up to 14

hours, but larger ones need to be

baked for as long as three days.

They are then sealed with yacht

varnish and left to dry. When

finished, they are as hard as

Selling is a major problem, partly

because of price. A basic model

costs about £10. Mrs Angove said: "They are grossly underpriced but the market will not stand more."

Mrs Angove attends few craft fairs. She said: "Sales are not very good. If I had to live on what I earn at craft fairs I would go out of business. People stop to admire my work then move on." Nor does wholesaling provide the answer. Shops would want to sell this style of product for only £1.99, including a heavy mark-up. They are more

interested in models mass pro-

Mrs Angove said: "The National

Trust was very impressed but it

might put 200 per cent on the

price, in which case, even the

cheapest item I produce would not

sell." Party plans have proved a

better bet. The advantage is that

people come specially to see the

dolls. A local shop has put on a

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With practice, she has become skilled at capturing the facial expressions of her subjects

She has an artistic family to draw on. Her husband is a water-colour painter, her father painted in oils and her mother-in-law does portraits. It was still a brave move for Mrs Angove though. She switched from being a word processor operator.

Mr Angove was a training officer with the Royal Observer Corps. When that was disbanded, the couple faced a tough decision on their future. She said: "We moved to Lincolnshire because we found a house we could afford. We have two small children so we needed a good-sized property and we needed outhouses for my business."

The village post office is hardly a money-spinner — Keal Cotes has only 60 houses and there are four supermarkets in Boston. Mrs Angove said: "I could go back to word processing, but I am happier being my own boss and I like making things that people appreciate." She said: "I'm very good at what I do. It is all original and very well presented. I'm really quite chuffed I have

BRIEFINGS

Nigel Lacy, a former bank manager, is anempting to set up an exchange that would bring together small businesses, entrepreneurs and private capital.

Mr Lacy says he is trying to bring cohesion to a fragmented market.

The Capital Exchange, his proposed venture, is being launched as a joint venture with Mediamark. publisher of First Voice, the magazine of the Federation of Small

He adds: "The UK small business economy is capitalised entirely on the personal assets of small business people themselves. Consequently, the primary source of finance, bank lending against personal or company assets, has virtually dried up, stifling innovation and the launch of new products and processes from smaller companies, entrepreneus and inventors."

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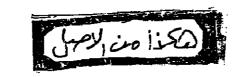
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VISUAL ART: New sculpture from Tony Cragg at the Lisson; rediscovered Italian treasures at the Accademia Italiana

Surprises come in many forms

Richard Cork admires an exhibition of work by one of Britain's most resourceful and rewarding sculptors

nlike so many contemporary artists, who exploit wellworm formulae to the point of mind-numbing predictability. Tony Crage has always thrived on diversity and surprise. His new show at the Lisson Gallery ambushes visitors with a series of adroit, densely considered coups de théâtre. But Cragg's talent for unexpectedness, both of form and material, should not be confused with sensationalism or novelty-grubbing. As we move through the rooms, interrogating the five large works on display, an underly-ing continuity of thought and feeling gradually unites them

Even from the street, Cragg's sculpture has the ability to arouse immediate curiosity. Seen through the window, and ranged around an aptly sunken floor beneath pavementlevel, Mental Picture resembles the remains of a mysterious ruin. Eleven broken pieces of jurassic limestone stand or lie in a roughly circular formation.

From certain angles, and especially from the room's entrance, they look like fragments of masonry which once belonged to an ancient building. Although gashed with violent reds and oranges on the most jagged sides, their predominant paleness evokes

a desert setting. These objects turn out to harbour remarkably intact images. Highly polished which the rough stones from which they have been hewn, most of their forms resemble vessels Whether circular or cylind cal, they seem to underline he

Another stone, acting/s a cradle to a pestle and nirtar, emphasises the equally indamental need for food. hd all these smoothly finish, utenils cluster round an larged arving of a brain artially mbedded in the certal block

The labyrinthin cells run-

ning all over this lump of obvious in the work displayed cerebral matter may appear formidable, but cracks and holes pepper the apex of the brain. They confirm the general air of decay, and make the surrounding vessels look as useless. Far from growing out of the stones, they seem petri-fied and redundant

A similar mood hangs over the seemingly very different two-part sculpture in the next room. Made entirely of steel, Terris Novalis belongs to the era of mechanised invention

rather than the stone age.

Taking as his starting point
a pair of 18th-century surveying-instruments for measuring the landscape, Cragg expands them to an immense and ominous size. They preside over the main gallery like a couple of siege-battery guns,

raised to the ceiling.

Rust spatters and streaks

their surfaces, suggesting ex-

posure to the weather and

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Terris Novalis, above all in the

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instruments really are.

nearby. Taking and Giving is dominated by a tall. dark green cupboard. The shelves exposed within might reasonably be expected to contain hooks. So indeed they do; but instead of occupying their conventional places, the hooks swarm crazily all over the They spill onto the outside well, spreading like an

irresistible invasion across the broom propped against the cupboard, the log hanging from the side, and the child's wheelbarrow attached vertically to the back. Nor does the epidemic stop there. The hooks also smother a smaller shelving unit, heaped with logs and a drawer stuck to its exterior like a limpet. Then they pepper some more logs stacked pell-mell with a

locked chest on slats in 'Cragg freshens our front of the cupboard. The overall effect is ambiguous. On one levresponse to materials el, Cragg has taken the violence implicit in the that we usually simple act of driving hooks in wood to a take for granted' manic extreme. Every surface seems assailed by the sharpness of metal implements, just as a wood-en table, a milk churn and a one pointing forward and the other, based on a theodolite,

wicker basket were attacked by rampant plastic tubing in an earlier work called George and the Drugon. But the hailstorm of hooks also has a tonic effect. They run like an electrical discharge

dancing slivers of light. ragg has never been frightened of deploying wit, and enjoys clash, in Taking and Giving, between attacking and impish guile. It freshens our

designer, and Cragg clearly relishes their almost surreal

Tony Cragg's Bromide Figures, 1992: banal objects are transformed, and their inherent strangeness revealed as though for the first time

strangeness revealed as though for the first time. Nowhere more delicately than in Bromide Figures, an elaborate multi-part sculpture in the upstairs gallery.

With great nimbleness, Cragg builds up an unpromising array of ugly glass goblets, bottles, flasks and bowls into a cluster of stacked, turret-like forms. Varnished with orange shellac, they should look as through the mert objects, enjaded as cheap bric-a-brac livening their dourness with discoloured by years of exposure to cigarette smoke in a pub. But against all the odds, they end up as fantastical as a fairy-tale palace capped by

Either inverted or upright, striped, they balance on each other with the agility of circus some of their surfaces, hinting at fragility. Only a touch would upset their equilibrium and bring them smashing to the ground.

dane that we usually take them Vulnerability adds to their Banal objects are trans- appeal, whereas the other formed, and their inherent sculpture in the upstairs room

seems utterly unbreakable. Cragg is adept at varying the exhibits in his shows, engineering contrasts so ingenious

that the eye is never wearied. Where Bromide Figures is intricate, and climbs in an easily assailable upwards direction, Emergence lies heavily and darkly on its side. Secure in the solidity of bronze, this ample recumbent form could hardly be more impregnable.

But the paradox is that it appears to derive, like several of his major earlier bronzes. from a glass retort. Before

entering art college in 1968, Cragg spent a couple of years working as a technician in a laboratory at the National Rubber Producers' Research Association. The experience may have left him with a lasting respect for even the

an awareness that "scientific" implements can possess a poetic dimension as well.

In Emergence, a retort has undergone a dramatic metamorphosis. Apart from enlargit to monumental dimensions, and exchanging

most humdrum utensils, and

glass for bronze, Cragg has tipped it over so that the black behemoth spreads horizontally across the floor.

There is nothing complacent about this bulky presence, though. An aperture runs along most of its body, disclosing a deep cavity within. And round the other side, where the form swells with an organic ripeness reminiscent of breasts or buttocks, it begins to

rise from the ground. The movement lends Emergence an energy which counters the repose on the

resemble a surfacing submarine, and this sinister association coexists supremely well with the other, more sensuous and scientific meanings.

We are left with a mystery, but one containing a richness of possible interpretations. They help to explain why Cragg continues, in midcareer, to be counted among the most resourceful and rewarding of British sculptors.

• The exhibition continues at the Lisson Gallery (071-724 2739)

But his high spirits are more Fruitful encounters

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David and Goliath: an illuminated psalter from the circle of Domenico Ghirlandaio

ince the Orangeric Italiana at the Accademia Italiana is now in its third annual edition, British art lovers may well have realised that "Orangerie" is Eurospeak for a particular kind of art fair: that in which (on a model first created at the Charlottenburg Orangerie in Berlin) the dealers show not stand by stand, but all mixed up, so that the result is an integrated thematic exhi-

The theme of the Orangerie Italiana is, naturally enough, everything Italian or with Italian connections, provided only that it is art and antique. The show attracts only the most prestigious dealers, some 30 of them this year, from Europe and America, and the general impression is of fewer but finer pieces, displayed to greater advantage. The only dealer to go in for overkill is Antiquius, whose corner has been turned into a Wunderkammer full of exquisite and bizarre oddments, including an amazing early 17th-century Sicilian jewellery cabinet in

John Russell Taylor finds much

to enjoy at a

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with a difference

This was one of the nominations for the Crowley Colosso Leonardo Prize, an award for the dealer making the most important discovery in the field of Italian art. This year the prize goes to Clive Gill, of Sarice Antiques, Tunbridge Wells, for having unearthed. unrecognised in a country auction, a mid-15th century mamiscript of Basinio da Par-

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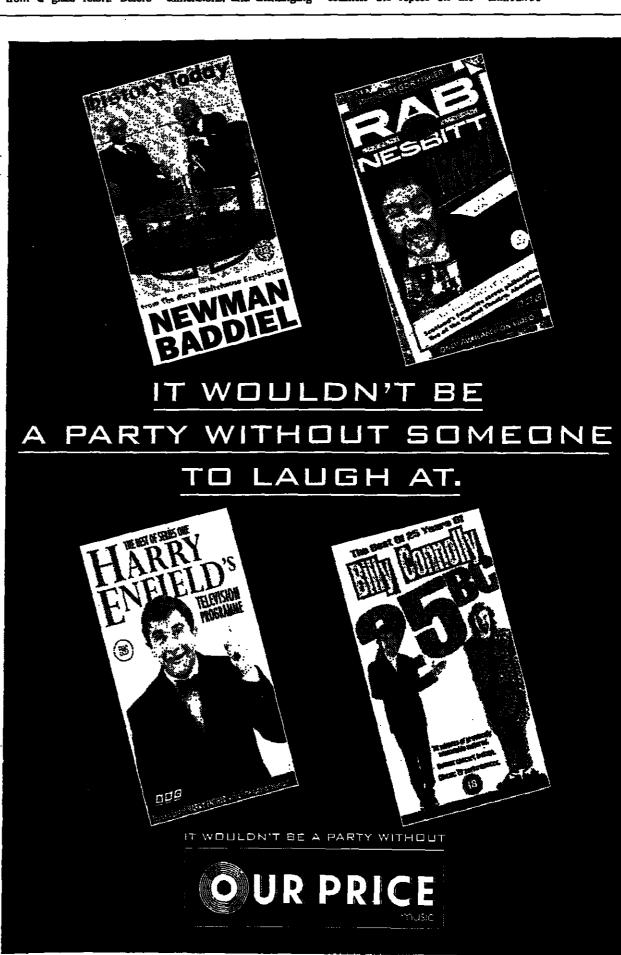
These careful days, many of the newly recovered pieces are ascriptions merely, but then one of the incidental purposes of the Orangerie is to get visitors to look at the art, rather than just the name on the label. One of the most striking sculptures, for instance, is a

with St John the Evangelist, attributed to Ubaldo Gandolfi (1728-1781), but the point is that the piece manages to be formally satisfying and exqui-sitely moving in its modest compass, no matter who creat-

Another highlight of a show packed with incident is a lovely illumination on parchment of David and Goliath from the circle of Ghirlandaio, and a particularly imposing 18thcentury green marble canopy vase in the revived Egyptian

And for connoisseurs of the odd, there is an over weeningly self-confident mid-Victorian sideboard in amboyna. rosewood and parcel-gilt by Morant Boyd and Morant, dated 1859. Why is it here? Because the back-piece is a triptych of Sailing Boats off Venice by Edward William Cooke, RA. A reasonable excuse. But then no excuse is really needed.

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LI JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers fin Pan Alley Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaufman. Fine cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Last week. Vaudeville, The Strand. WC2:071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat. 3pm. 160mms

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Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical it coarsens the values of Manuel Purg s novel but Chila

Rivera makes a striking varno Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sal 8pm mats Wed, Sal, 3pm 160mms

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performance by Roseman, Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual, Maureen Lipman gives good

Strand Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 9800) Mon-Set 7,30pm, mats Wed, Sat.

JUNE MOON: Naive songwrite

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

MADAMA BUTTERFLY: Nura Esper's 1987 Soothsh Opera staging of Butter'ly is restaged at the Royal Opera. Troot Wattanabe males an ideal nersino, with institute support from the cust. San Edwards, broadening her operatic experience before taking up her appointment as music director at ENO next year, conducts Royal Opera House. Covent Garden WCD (071-24) 1066-1911), tomply. Mor, Thurs 7: 30pm

MANIC STREET PREACHERS: The MANIC STREET PREACHERS: The glam punks from South Wales with the severith Top 40 hs are playing tonight with The Mouth, the more lad back nuck band, bying to be different National Kilburn, 234 kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 3141), tonight.

TEDDY BEARS CONCERT: The annual leddy extravaganza with the London Concert Orchestra performing London Concern Gransson all the children's favourites Berbleam, Silk Street, EC2 (071-928 **REGIONAL**

LEEDS: Opera North opens its winter season in Leeds with Graham Vick's staging (a co-production with Scottish Opera) of Billy Budd, Britlen's gripping soga of strife at sea. Nigel Robson is

THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only Some seats available

in MACBETH/THE TEMPEST: The English Shakespeare Company comes unstuck in both these fidigaty productions, bridge the lead has more to commend it. Royalty, Portugal Street (off Kingsway), WC2 (071-494 5020), Macbeth tompful, Jomontow, 7-30pm, mail formations.

■ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE:

Gerald Harper and Welliam Gaust play crone waters who tall out and pit their

wicked wits against each other run-ofwhitehall, Whitehall SWI (071-557 1119) Mcn-Fr. 8pm. Sat, 8-30pm, mats Wed. 2-30pm. Sat. 5-30pm 120mms.

N OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole in Keath

Waterhouse s play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Nearly done though we only hear the

man's point of view Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8 15pm, Sat, 6pm

☐ RADIO TIMES: Tony Slamery in a

wantime Broadcasting House, bursting

(071-494-5040) Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Thurs, 2 30pm, Sat, 4 30pm.

☐ THE RAPE OF TAMARE I neare Manoeurres' wordly staged and sprightly version of Tirso de Molma's account of incest in the House of David. Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 9701) Mori-Sat,

8pm, mat Set. 4.30pm. 145mms. Final

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VOICE: Alson Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a stry girl escaping her raucous mother

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fun imp down Memory Lane, set in

with sprightly Noel Gay numbers

and 8 45pm 135mms.

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Captain Vere, Jason Howard sings the 150 role, John Tominson is Clapgart, Keith Latham, Donald, Elgar Howarth

conducts Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggere, Leads (0532 459351;440971), tonight,

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BRISTOL: The work of 36 artists lwing in Russia and the Ukraine is being shown in an exhibition usited A Time of Transition. The works chosen by Petur Ford include most printmaking methods from stehing, fino-cult, liftography, mezonitin, monotype, screenpint and wood engraving and many were made in the last ten years Bristol City Museum, Queens Road. (QZ72 223571) Daily. 10am-5pm, until Jan 10

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OXI-ORD: Fichard Stigos narrases more son, in Howard Blake's setting of The Snowman with the Chor of Magdalen Cellege, Oddorf The programme includes seasonal songs and carols Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street,

LIVERPOOL: Stanley Spencer — A
Sert of Heaven brings together all sons
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the eccentrically religious (until Jan 7)
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(0865 864056), tonight, Bpm.

THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Hamet Walter perfect again in revival of this subtle, comic state-ofthe-nation play, set in a world of shifting raiues and plummeting art-prices Royal Court, Soane Square, SW1

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smon Cadel: John Wells. Richard Nane. Christopher Gee play all 26 peris, male and temale, in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham

marveigus acaptasion or staram Greene's novel Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sal, 8 15pm, mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm 140mms

TRELAWNY OF THE WELLS: Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London Successful only In parts and the minor parts at that Stars Michael Hordem and Sarah Brightman. Comedy. Pamon Street, SWI (071-367-1045) Mon-Sar, 7 30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

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CINEMA GUIDE

NEW RELEASES ELENYA (PG) Simple, direct warring take of a Welshight and an injured German airman. Strong leature debut by director Steve Gought; subtle child

Jones. Renoir (071-837 8402) ◆ HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK (PG) More of the same, with extra crudity and a horrid new streak of sentimentality. With Macaulay Culton, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern Director. Chris

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TRACES OF RED (15): Sex. murder and comption in Palm Beach Feroclously dull thiller with James Belushi, Lorrane Bracco Director, Andy WOR. MGM Cudord Street (071-636 0310) MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

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• HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15). ◆ HUSBANDS AND WIVES [15]. Woody Aler's best firm in years, a lacerating tale of collepting New York mamages. Stars Allen. Mile Farrow, Judy Davis. Liam Nesson, Judette Lewis. MGM Parnton Street (071-930 0631). Mitrema (071-235 4225) Odeon Miszzanine (0426 915683) Remotr (071-837 8402).

◆ OF MICE AND MEN (PG). ◆ OF MICE AND MEN (PG): Steinbock's classic Depression tale of frendship and innocence. John Mallowich as the slow-wited Lamme, director Gary Sinse as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving. Carpon West End (071–439 4805) MIGM Fullham Road (071–370 2835) MIGM Trocadero (071–434 0031).

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18): New roommate proves a crackpot Nicely atmosphere, but the crudines mount.

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SLACKER (15) College-age layabours in Austim. Texas, vent crazy thoughts on lite, the Smurfs and UFOs. Strillong debut by film-maker Richard Linklater, with an armateur cast Metro (071-437 0757).

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◆ THIS IS MY LIFE (12) When a Streen on the Hill (071-435 3366) THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston on a Shakespeare staging with a Northern accent

Clog-dancer takes and loses throne

NORTHERNERS and West Countrymen like to argue that in Shakespeare's day all Englishmen spoke like them. Maybe so, though it seems likelier that more, not fewer accents, thrived. We can, at least, feel sure that the courtiers attending Queen Bess did not affect the strangulated vowels of their mod-ern successors, while "the voice beautiful", as formerly taught at drama schools, sounded as false 400 years ago as it does again today.

Northern Broadsides is the brainchild of Barrie Rutter, Yorkshire-born, who came up with the idea of a company of Northerners acting classics in Northern accents after working with Tony Harrison, also Yorkshire-born, on The Trackers of Oxyrhynchus. The wooden dogs worn by the underdass in that production make a re-appearance on Bosworth Field going rat-a-tattat in unison, though their use has a perfunctory feel, as if any group of Yorkshiremen, or in this case Richard's Yorkists, must always be given the chance to clog-dance. Their movements are choreographed by Lawrence Evans, billed here as the laktismographer, a word too grand for any

of my dictionaries. The Northern accent gives a strong and homely sound, though on this evidence, and to this Londoner's ears, it has shortcomings as a flexible instrument for verse-speaking. This is odd because Harrison's poetry, and his own readings of it, reveal the subtlest nuances of feeling. What it frequently becomes in Rutter's production is strident, especially in the lamentations of the royal women, which become

Richard III Riverside Studios

extremely tedious. When not notching up the Edwards and Richards each of them has lost they curse each other or King Richard. I lost count of the number of times he was called a toad. Exciting in 1592 to see an English sovereign (albeit a wicked one) roundly abused, but dramatically the curses quickly become a dead loss.

These scenes might not have felt so predominating if Rutter's performance as Richard had sustained the initial gleeful malevolence. In his plots against David Roper's Clarence, Rutter celebrates his mischievous evil with grinning good humour. The disintegration of his judgment after winning the crown is precipitous, but seems the work of folly, not the working out of tragic forces.

In his immaculate grey morning suit, there is something tortoise-like to the forward thrust of his head, but his physique is not obscenely ugly. His left hand he keeps in his trouser pocket, giving an unfortunately casual air to his movements, though when he rides a porter's trolley on the way to Bosworth, his hand seems to function well enough. The acting is capable rather than exciting, except for a fascinating Queen Elizabeth (wife to Edward IV), played by Ishia Bennison as a snarling social climber in skintight skirt and mink, who convincingly takes fright at the unpredictable antics of her in-laws. Allong evening, though.



Barrie Rutter as Richard III: gleeful malevolence, but not sustained

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Doug Lucie's new play, a simplistic caricature of American evangelism

ANYBODY who has seen Jim Bakker's cupid-face simpering on television. or watched Jerry Falwell sob out histrionic pleas for forgiveness, will have doubts about the evangelical movement in America. But there is something so prejudiced, so supercilious, about Doug Lucie's new play that it left me. a professional sceptic and non-joiner, feeling cussed enough to go to Earls Court and ritually prostrate myself when the next born-again

crusader visits town. The scene is Hartstone, a grand but impoverished estate where, myth has it. Jesus appeared to a dying girl. Enter Enterprise Faith Inc. with \$2 million and plans to convert the place into a conference centre and satellite television station. This outfit's leader, James Laurenson's Rev Hoffman, cannot answer a question about whether he had a nice journey down in his stretch limo without crying "The Lord cleared a path to expedite our arrival, praise him!" But at least he seems

EVEN with five works pretty densely 14-16 players, the London Sinfonietta offered a stimulating balance of listening in the last of the 25th-anniversary programmes reflecting its commitment to music of our time. Four were direct commissions, including the premiere of Monday and Tuesday by the

American composer Michael Torke. "Any Monday or Tuesday may feature the same activities," he wrote in the programme, "but any two days also offer wonderful shades of variation and the possibly unexpected": elements which find their way into these two breezy pieces, jauntily syncopated for the most part, and poised on a knife-edge of rhythmic precision that called for virtuoso response from each individual player.

Lothar Zagrosek was the accomplished conductor, sparing of gesture but always alert to danger and with an ear for fine instrumental balance. Layers were also skilfully registered in the Danish composer Hans Abrahamsen's Marchenbilder (1984), where the instrumental effects in the six con-

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in the Christ he constantly invokes and in the Devil he sees

in every setback. For Lucie, he is no worse than "bonkers": a zealot who found religion in reaction to what seems to have been an appalling childhood. Most of his retinue are less straight-

forward. His wife (Kate Fahy), a prostitute turned confessional novelist turned zombie, wanders about flashing glazed smiles and battling the demon drink. The younger of his two British associates (Kevin Dignam) sports a Contra T-shirt, happily recalls seeing pregnant women disembowelled in the war against Nicaraguan communism, and proves capable of blackmail and rape. The elder (Peter Wight) is a lecher, hypocrite and

Opposition to such evangelicals comes from the estate's radical if aristocratic owner, Anna Massey's philistine, as well as a go-getting apolo-gist for a Thatcher era that taught the workshy a lesson and helped Britain 'hold up its head again".

Who, really, is the bug-eyed fanatic round here? Not many hell-fire preachers would stereotype and demonise their foes as unashamedly as Lucie. It is true that the evangelical movement seems to attract people of right-wing persuasion. But why? Perhaps American gospellers will gain a foothold in England and mainland Europe, as Lucie fears. Again, why? Some leftleaning playwrights, David Edgar for instance, would try to enter alien minds and understand them: Lucie typically brings on a guitar-playing girl to imprecate against topless bathing and irrelevantly defend the gun lobby.

Ruth Hartstone, and her half-caste nephew, played by Ben Thomas, and it is of course a walkover. She has only to be wry and knowing, and say things such as "This is England, no-one's honest any more, there's no return on honesty." Thomas need only add "Your only mandate comes from American big business and American foreign policy." What answer could these hayseeds and their limey lackeys possibly have? Nothing wrong with Mike Bradwell's cast. Indeed, Laurenson

gives a forceful performance and Fahy a touching one. But the cardboard mansion-and-garden scenery is all too apt. Superficiality rules. If Lucie wants to attack America's erosive effect on Britain, shouldn't he himself remember one of our national virtues? Shouldn't he give even funny foreignerca foir hearing?

CONCERT: A celebration of 25 years of premieres

Old hands at the new

densed "fairytale pictures" did not exdude a sinister touch of the gothic.

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A more maverick work was Brian slawski devised a form where ideas are Ferneyhough's 1982 Carceri d'Invenzione I. Since then he has completed a cycle of seven such pieces for varied ensembles, all derived from the stimulus of Piranesi's engravings and apparently sharing a musical nucleus of eight chords. Put together, there may be a more cogent sense of musical direction than seemed to emanate from this section alone.

Sir Harrison Birtwistle's 1977 Silbury Air was the oldest item performed, and yet still seems at the cutting edge: the fascination for listeners lies not in any musical development so much as in hearing how the juxtaposition of blocks of sound can rouse the imagination. For his Chain 1 (1983), Witold Luto-

chain-linked in separate strands and cohere with exuberant wit and variety. Much of its character is governed by the separate instruments and their players, exploited in a way that demonstrated the breadth of individual skill.

Four orchestral principals also exploited their skill as soloists when Claus Peter Flor began his Festival Hall programme conducting the Philharmonia in Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante. The poised and flexible phrasing of David Nolan (violin), Matthias Feile (cello), John Anderson (oboe) and Meyrick Alexander (bas-soon) was stylish and well-balanced,

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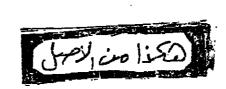
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WORLD MUSIC/ROCK: David Toop talks to South Africa's Ladysmith Black Mambazo; Shakin' Stevens reviewed

Affirming the power of harmony

or some South African musicians, Paul Simon's ing of Rodney King in Los Angeles.

1987 Graceland album with events that followed the beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles.

Paul Simon reacted by giving marked the start of an international career. Ladysmith Black Mambazo was one of the bands picked by Simon to work on his African phase. In the years that followed, this nine-man a cappella choir from the town of Ladysmith. Natal, has jumped from cult stams to a life of television commercials. film soundtracks, world tours and

Their resonant voices can be heard on a current Cadbury's milk chocolate television advert or flesh-

or from 7-Up to Honda and to 'Moral strength MTV - Lady-smith Black transmits itself Mambazo has pitched in Zulu through robust harmonies to harmonies and add depth to the hard sell. After 20 years,

simple dancing' the rewards are flooding in All's well, then? Not exactly. South Africa's violence has recently added a sombre note to the success. Last December, Headman Shabalala, a founder member of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, was shot dead by

a white security guard named Sean Clyde Nicholas. According to witnesses, Nicholas stopped the van that Headman was driving and then attempted to pull him through a window, first tearing his clothes and then shooting him through the mouth. Later, claims were made that Headman was drunk. His erratic driving, claimed Nicholas, was an invitation to try a citizen's arrest. Yet like other members of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Headman was deeply

religious and a non-drinker.

Although Nicholas was found guilty of murder at his trial in November, the judge awarded him a five-year sentence, two years suspended and the remainder under house arrest. Nicholas was negligent, said the judge, and his actions "drastic and tragic", but felt that a light sentence was appropriate because Nicholas was working and had no criminal record.

In the current volatile dimate of retribution and confusion in South Africa, parallels have been drawn

angry interviews to the American press and television, telling USA Today that the lenient sentencing created the impression that "proceeding by the rules of law and morality is an exercise in funlity."

Simon played a controversial and much criticised part in challenging attitudes to the cultural boycott by travelling to South Africa and recruiting musicians for his project. More recent events have pushed him into the role of reluctant activist. "I don't know ing out Jeff Wayne's Spartacus
album. From the films of Michael
Jackson and Marlon Brando to

about it," he told USA Today. "If no
one else makes a fuss [the issue] will
die." In Britain,

despite the chart success of Grace-land and Ladycase has received little publicity. Joseph Shaba lala, now 52 and

the leader of La-

dysmith Black Mambazo, has experienced conflicting emotions since the death of his brother. Speaking from Switzerland, where this internationally celebrated group has been performing, he can only express purdement and a sense of deep disillusion in response to the verdict.

We know that in South Africa a black man is worth nothing," he says, "but we thought this time, because of a new government, things were coming better. We discovered that it is still the same.

"Although people were trying to make justice, trying to make peace, coming together around the table to talk, many people don't like this. They still carry on killing each other. Because of this judgment it's encouraging these killers to carry on killing because there is no

Only Joseph Shabalala's religious faith has helped him maintain restraint. "It's very powerful," he says, "otherwise I would be in jail." During the period when Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, Joseph encouraged the people around him to pray rather than fight. He claims to take no sides in the factional strife that still divides South Africa, only wishing for apartheid and its legacy to be



Ladysmith Black Mambazo: founder member Headman Shabalala (far right, second row) was shot and killed last December

"My religion has helped me to be like a preacher to my people," he said. "I have tears if I see my people arguing instead of sitting down together and talking about their problems." Then, in a reference to recent revelations of dirty tricks among South Africa's security forces, he adds: "It sounds like somebody divides them."

Many years ago, when Joseph Shabalala was growing up in the rural area of Natal, he and his friends would laugh at people who became Christians. "Those believers", they would call them, condemning them for imitating white

people. His own conversion came in 1976, following a dream in which a voice told him that if he fasted for four days, he would defeat his enemy.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo means "Black axe from Lady-smith", a reference to the group's dominance in South Africa's fierce musical competitions. At first, Jo-seph interpreted his dream as a sign that abstinence would help to maintain this winning streak in the contests. Later, he realised that fasting was a metaphor. "The voice was telling me to conquer myself, my flesh, my own desires."

Through such self-denial has come a moral strength which transmits itself through the group's robust harmonies and their simple communication of dancing and unadorned voices. The value of these elements has touched a nerve in listeners outside South Africa. Ladysmith Black Mambazo have toured in Russia, Japan, Europe and America, playing to yupples in search of enlightenment as well as lifers in a North Carolina prison. "From mud to stardom," is how Joseph somewhat bemusedly de-

The loss of his brother was a

profound shock, "We lost a man of peace," he says. "We lost a man who was shaking the walls with his beautiful roaring voice." The roaring can still be heard on a new album. Inkanyezi Nezazi, which means "the star and the wise man". This album of Christmas songs may be the last to feature Headman Shabalala, but Headman's story may have further to run.

● Ladysmith Black Mambazo will per-form their only British show of 1992 at the Victoria Palace Theatre, London (071-834 1317) on Sunday. Inkanyezi Nezazi (FLT-RCD 502) was released by Flame Tree Records earlier this week.

Not much shaking going on

well-dressed young German couple outside the Dominion Theatre offered the opinion that Shakin' Stevens, now known as Shaky, is "the best thing since Elvis Preskey". It made one wonder what Elvis represents in Germany. There is definitely a touch of Presley about Shaky's pert quiff, but it is the Vegas version rather than the mean. Sun Records

Shaky is the self-appointed inheritor of Presley's mantle and he takes the responsibility seriously. He assiduosly stages the sort of 1950s rock 'n' roll revue that Elvis might have, if he had come from Wales instead of Tennessee. A seven-piece band anchored by a squawking tenor saxophone reproduced a clutch of early rock classics. Up front, Shaky stood splay-legged at a microphone and went about his business with furrowed-brow concentration.

The band loped through a dozen

of Shaky's own hits and admirably faithful renditions of seminal tunes "Baby It's You". During the latter, the singer stayed so true to the phrasing and intonation of the original that he was not interpreting so much as unabashedly copying. This he did in a profoundly perfunctory manner. His own stuff was dispatched in a similarly

detached way.

Song followed jangly song. Stevens tackled each with the impersonal enthusiasm Elvis might have shown a particularly plump cheeseburger. For all the passion he exhibited, he could have been singing on one of those old compi-

singing on one of truce out complations of pop cover versions. It was hard to believe that this was a man who has had 15 Top Ten singles.

The audience, for their part, had a jolly time jitterbugging in their seats. It took the Chuck Berry pastiche "Turning Away" to get them jiving in the aisles. Shaky did not seem to be a dancing man not seem to be a dancing man himself. He stayed behind his mike, feet a yard apart.

To top things off, Stevens did not perform his best song, "Green Door". If Elvis really is alive, perhaps he had better have a word with Shaky about the proper upkeep of the legacy.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

FRINGE THEATRE: For La Mancha, change at East Croydon

Bold knight's rich reward

ince Foxall's helter-skeiter, pantomime version of Cervantes's immortal tale might dismay purists and prudes, but scores high marks for entertainment. Apart from the fizzing word-play and Spanglish jokes of his commissioned script, the success is mainly thanks to the energy of a strong, hard-working cast, briskly

marshalled by director Ted Craig.

It is, after all, no more reprehensible to present a literary classic in a frankly filleted form and scatter it with contemporary cultural references and humour, than to attempt to cram the original's epic sweep into a "straight" adaptation for the stage. Violence will be done in

Foxall has not only accepted that fact, but makes a virtue of it, with repeated fast switching between scenes and characters, back and forth in time. The resulting collage, irreverent and frequently ribald. offers a strong sense of both the dark, subtle and the broad, knockabout sides of Spanish humour. while the pathos and dignity of the deluded knight, on his campaign of

Don Quixote Croydon Warehouse

holy terror, are also communicated. This is not, perhaps, a show for all - the sexual by-play and punning wordplay make it unsuitable for young children.

Michael Pavelka has designed many memorable sets for the Warehouse, and this is among his very best. Borrowing colours and shapes directly from the work of Miró, Dali and Gaudí, he has transformed the tiny theatre into a miniature Parc Guell, a playground for the imagination. One particularly striking touch is the flock of flying books above the

(central) stage. Graham Christopher makes a lean and lanky Don, a "knight of the road" with a naturally comichigubrious face and a touching earnestness about his disastrous efforts to do good. His Sancho Panza is the contrastingly short and stocky Mia Soteriou, who is a comic

Philosophically accepting that the worst will probably come his way - "That's the law, the law of El Tougho Titto" — the longing to be back home in constant battle with the hope of glory and reward with his mad master. Sancho faithfully follows on foot behind the man of La Mancha's (invisible) horse, hoping, against all the evidence, that

things will get better.
Stephanie Ormonde, Carmen
Gomez, Anthony Dunn and Okon Jones take the other 13 roles with great style and also help to play Soteriou's music, which is nicely pointed and atmospheric. Jones is most memorable as a builfighter with a giant gold codpiece, Steph-anie Ormonde shines as the Niece and Juanita (discovered kneeling before Juan: "I call myself Juaneater"). Dumn provides properly exaggerated villains of various kinds and a distressed goatherd, whose favourite goat falls victim to the Don. Gomez is an authentically Iberian presence as a duchess and a very accommodating landlady.

TONY PATRICK



Sancho (Mia Soteriou) and the Don (Graham Christopher)

TELEVISION REVIEW

Partially addressed

ny documentary about wages that takes its lead from the Low Pay Unit is clearly not striving very hard for objectivity. How Low Can You Go? (Channel 4) was constructed like an old-fashioned "shock issue" of the Daily Mirror. One by one, people on low incomes told Geordie comedian Mike Elliott how they managed - or mostly, how they did not.

The message was clear enough, as far as it went. Many people in Britain, working in unskilled jobs, are paid at levels shocking to makers of television documentaries. It is difficult to support a family on £150 a week or less, though most of those on last night's film seemed less horrified by their plight than Elliott. They wanted more, of course; but they seemed to acknowledge that their lack of qualifications made that unlikely.

The implication was that these people were being exploited by companies that could afford to pay more. Without a sight of the balance sheet and the profit and loss account, it is impossible to know, but I suspect that many of

the employers were themselves clinging on by their fingernails. To pay more and go broke is always an option, but hardly appealing. The truth is rather more complex

than this attractively-produced programme was willing to admit. Britain is a relatively poor country with rich pretensions, which has failed to raise the skill level of its labour force. The world swarms with unskilled workers, most of whom would be thrilled to earn £150 a week. And anybody who believes that minimum wage legislation eliminates poverty has not looked very closely at the rural France so recently hymned by the Prince of Wales.

Elliott, new to me, has a laddish manner and an inexhaustible supply of Christmas cracker jokes. But he is amiable and made what could have been a preachy show tolerably watchable. Sir John Harvey-Jones he isn't; but How Low Can You Go? will have pricked a few consciences and stimulated a few questions. As far as it went, it went well.

NIGEL HAWKES

ORCHESTRAS: a new plan to amalgamate two in Scotland

Scottish bandwagon expected to lose a wheel

The creation of a new National Orchestra of Scotland will mean the merging of two existing bands. Richard Morrison reports

phony Orchestra is to be amalgamated with the orchestra of Scottish Opera. That is the plan announced yesterday by the Scottish Arts Council (SAC). the BBC and Scottish Opera. Merging the two orchestras to form a large symphony orchestra of around 94 players will involve 13 redundancies: seven from the BBC orchestra; six from Scottish Opera.

The new orchestra, to be called the National Orchestra of Scotland, will have Richard Armstrong, Scottish Opera's music director, as its chief conductor. It will come into existence next September. making its debut at the Edinburgh Festival, and divide its time between playing for all Scottish Opera productions, broadcasting and public con-certs. According to the SAC, it will have a "guaranteed minimum existence" of ten years. The SAC has acted as honest broker in discussions between

The BBC Scottish Sym- the BBC and Scottish Opera, said Seona Reid, the SAC's director, adding that the "creative union" had "SAC's enthusiastic support". However, many in the musi-

cal world will question whether the merging of two of Scotland's four major orchestras represents progress, or whether it is merely a deverly presented cost cutting exercise by two organisations, the BBC and Scottish Opera, that are both under severe financial pressures. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra has led a precarious existence. It was last threatened in 1980, when the BBC announced the disbandment of five of its 11 orchestras and served 172 players with dismissal notices. Then, after a long and acrimonious musicians strike at the BBC, the BBC Scottish was reprieved.

Yesterday's announcement appeared to take the Musicians' Union by surprise. The MU has not been involved in



Kenyon: delighted

the negotiations or advised in advance of the announcement. The BBC and Scottish Opera said that consultation with both orchestras will begin immediately: and negotiations with the MU are expected to

begin in the new year. Nicholas Kenyon, the BBC's controller of music, said he was "delighted" with the proposal, and added that it was "a response to the unique situation in Scotland". It was not a

result of the BBC's current review of its orchestral provision, he said, but was "complementary" to it. "It will save Radio 3 about £500,000 a year, but this money will be reinvested in the BBC's cultural activities in Scotland."

Scottish Opera has had a troubled 18 months since its former managing director, Richard Mantle, resigned after a disagreement with the board. A financial crisis and an £800,000 deficit has led to the cancellation of a projected Ring cycle, and the company has also cut back touring. Passing some orchestral costs on to the BBC would clearly be an attractive proposition.

Yesterday, however, Richard Jarman, the company's present managing director, preferred to stress the advantages of Scottish Opera being the only British opera com-pany outside London to perform with a full-scale symphony orchestra. This will lead to a enhancement in the quality and substance of Scottish Opera's work. Scottish Opera players will face a great-er challenge." The new orchestra will be directly managed by Scottish Opera.



Law Report December 10 1992 Court of Appeal

Withdrawal of medical treatment from hopeless case not unlawful

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Hoffmann Judgment December 91

The withdrawal of medical care, including the removal of artificial feeding procedures, was not unlawful where the patient suffered from a persistent vegetative state from which he would not recover and where it was known that after such withdrawal, the patient would die

However, in a such case application should be made to the court to obtain its

sanction for the course proposed.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Official Solicitor acting on behalf of Mr Anthony Bland from Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division (The Times November 23) who had granted declarations on the application on the Airedale National Health Service Trust, in whose hospital Mr Bland was a patient, that

(1) May lawfully discontinue all life sustaining treatment and medical support measures designed to keep An-thony Bland alive in his existing persistent vegetative state including the termination of ventilation, nutrition and

hydration by artificial means, and "(2) That they may lawfully dis-continue and thereafter need not furnish medical treatment to Anthony Bland except for the sole purpose of enabling Anthony Bland to end his life and to die peacefully with the greatest dignity and

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords

In 1989 Mr Bland, then aged 17, had been injured in the Hillsborough Stadium disaster, and suffering irreversible brain damage, had since then been in a persistent vegetative state (PVS).

In that condition he had no cognitive function, no sight, hearing, capacity to feel pain or move his limbs or communicate in any way. Unable to swallow, he was fed by naso-gastric tube. His bowels were evacuated by enema, his bladder drained by catheter. Repeated chest and urinary tract infections were treated by antibiotics. The consensus of medical

his improvement or recovery. Mr James Munby, QC. for the Official Solicitor, Mr Robert Francis, QC and Mr Michael R. Taylor for the health authority: Mr Anthony Lester. QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini as amici

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case was not about euthansia, if by that was meant the taking of positive action to cause death. It was not about putting down the old and infirm, the mentally defective or the physically imperfect. It had nothing to do with the eugenic practices associated

vith fascist Germany.

The issue was whether artificial feeding and antibiotic drugs might lawfully be withheld from an insensate patient with no hope of recovery when it was known that if that were done the patient

would shortly thereafter die.
His Lordship referred to principles accepted by both parties that: 1 A profound respect for the sanctity of human life was embedded in our law

and moral philosophy.

2 It was a civil wrong, and might be a crime, to impose medical treatment on a conscious adult of sound mind without his or her consent: see In re F (Mental Patient: Sterilisation) [[1990] 2 AC 1]. 3 A doctor had to comply with such a patient's instructions as to treatment to be given or withheld in certain circumstances, whether such instructions were rational or not: see Sidaway v Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital [1985] AC 871. 904-905) and In re T (Adult: Refusal of Treatment) (The Times August 21:

(1992) 3 WLR 782). That principle applied even if by the

4 Where an adult nationt was mentally incapable of giving his consent, no one, including the court, could consent on his behalf. Treatment could lawfully be provided by a doctor where it was in the natient's best interests.

5 Where the patient was a child and a ward of court, the court would itself decide, with appropriate regard to medical opinion, whether treatment was menical opinion, whether treatment was in the patient's best interests: see In re B (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) (1981) 1 WLR 1421); In re B (a Minor) (Wardship: Sterilisation) (1988) AC 199); In re C (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) (1990) Fam 26) and In re I (a Minor) Fam 26) and in re J (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) ([1991]

Fam 33). If Mr Bland had given instructions that he should not be artificially fed or treated with antibiotics if he should become a PVS patient, his doctors would not act unlawfully in complying with those instructions but would act unlaw-fully if they did not comply, even though the patient's death would inevitably follow:

If Mr Bland were a child and a ward of court, the court would decide what were his best interests, having regard to the views of his parents but without treating them as conclusive. The court might judge it in the child's best interests that life-saving measures be withheld if of opinion that the life thereby pro-longed would be one of intolerable pain and deprivation: see In re J.

There was no doubt that the administration of antibiotics was medical treatment. The overwhelming consensus of medical opinion in the United Kingdom and the United States was that artificial feeding by naso-gastric tube was also medical treatment.

To his Lordship it did not seem crucial whether or not it was so regarded since it formed part of the patient's medical care. The answer to the present problem

Recitals showed Mr Manning

dal on December 20, 1991

was appointed liquidator of

with the result that he had a duty

under section 57C to appoint or

procure the appointment of an

independent person as a trustee of

appointment of Mr Clark who was

a solicitor and partner in the firm

In an affidavit, Mr Clark said he

had retained the services of advis-ers who had previously provided

services to the second plaintiff or

Rengredal and, further, set out details of services obtained by him

from his own firm including

His Lordship was shown two

bills under the letter heading of

"Clarks" one addressed to "The

Trustees Scientific Investment

Pension Plan" which set out fees in

the sum of £8,208.90 for certain

The other was addressed to "D

Clark Esq. Independent Trustee

Scientific Investment Pension

Plan" setting out fees in the sum of

£1636.20 for other professional

Turning to the statutory pro-

whether or not Mr Clark had

disabled himself from remaining

as an independent trustee, his

Lordship said that on the one hand

it was said that regulation 2

imposed a test to be applied once

and for all at the date of the

appointment of the independent trustee and not later; on the other

hand it was said that the provisions

of regulation 2(2) and (3) had to be

taken into account not only when

the independent trustee was ap-

pointed but also throughout the

term that he acted as an indepen-

claims for fees

professional services.

patient was unconscious or of unsound did not depend on line definitional mind. istinctions.

Traditionally the objects of medical

care had been (i) to prevent the occurrence of illness, (ii) to cure illness, (iii) where it could not be cured, to prevent or retard deterioration of the patient's condition and (iv) to relieve pain and suffering in body and mind.

His Lordship doubted if it had ever been an object of medical care merely to prolong the life of an insensate patient with no hope of recovery where nothing could be done to promote any of those

Mr Francis, whose application had been supported by Mr Lester, relying on cases in the United States, South Africa, and New Zealand, where courts had sanctioned the discontinuance of arti-ficial feeding of PVS patients, and on the Canadian Law Refrance Commission's Canadian Law Reform Commission's working paper on euthanasia, as well as material produced by the British Medi-cal Association and the Institute of Medical Ethics, had argued:

1 The question whether artifical feeding and antibiotic treatment of Mr Bland should be discontinued was to be resolved by the doctors in charge of his case, in consultation with independent medical experts, exercising a careful and informed judgment of what the patient's best interests required. In forming that judgment it was appropriate to take full account of the family's wishes, which

they had done. 2 While the respect accorded to human life always raised a presumption, that sumption was not irrebuttable. 3 Mere prolongation of the life of a PVS patient such as Mr Bland with no hope of any recovery was not necessarily in his best interests, if in his interest at all. 4 In making an objective judgment of

his best interests account could be taken not only of any pain and suffering which prolonged feeding might cause but also of wider less tangible considerations. 5 The assessment of Mr Bland's best interests, although a matter for his

timately subject to the sanction of the count where, as here, its jurisdiction was invoked. There was no ground for overriding their judgment.

His Lordship accepted arguments 1, 2 and 3 above. He could not conceive what benefit Mr Bland's continued existence could be thought to give him.

Accepting point 4, an objective assessment of Mr Bland's best interests viewed through his eyes would give weight to the constant invasions and humiliations to which his inert body was subject, to the desire he would naturally have to be remembered as a cheerful carefree egarious teenager and not an object of gregarious reenager and not an ooject of pity, to the prolonged ordeal imposed on all members of his family, even, per-haps, if altruism still lived, to a belief that finite resources were better devoted to enhancing life than merely averting

His Lordship also accepted point 5 above. Such review by the courts might be of real value in excluding the possibilities of medical error, misapprehension of the correct approach, divisions of opinion, conflicts of interest and improper motives.

His Lordship turned to Mr Munby's submissions which challenged the premises on which the doctors judgment was based:

I To withdraw the feeding tube was to do an act which would inevitably cause and was intended to cause Mr Bland's death. That was unlawful and criminal, whether or not artificial feeding was medical treatment. The doctors proposed course would amount to manughter or murder.

His Lordship tested the submission by posing three examples:
(a) Where a doctor discontinued artificial feeding after three years in

compliance with the express instructions of a PVS patient given before the onset of the condition when he was of full age and sound mind, his Lordship consid-ered that the doctor had plainly not

aided and abetted suicide for several possible reasons: that it could not be unlawful to act in accordance with the patient's instructions, the patient lacked the intent necessary for stricide, the patient's underlying condition, not the discontinuance of feeding, caused his death, the doctor lacked the necessary intent of aiding and abetting.

If it was not the discontinuance which sed the death or if the doctor lacked the intent to kill, he would have defences to murder and perhaps to manslaughter

(b) Where a PVS patient's naso-gastric tube required renewal and the doctor had to decide whether to continue feeding through a replacement or a newly implanted gastrostomy tube but, after three years and no hope of recovery be considered that in all the circumstances it was in the patient's best interests not to do so, plainly he would not be guilty of murder or man-slaughter. If that were so, and the present doctors were to be guilty, it could only be because of a distinction between initiating a new regime and discontinu-ing an existing one. Where the doctor's ty to the patient were the same in the two cases, criminal liability could not

depend on such a distinction. He must be guilty in both cases or neither. of life-threatening failure successively of each major organ, which could be remedied by serious surgery, was the doctor obliged to carry out such life-saving procedures? Mr Munby had here the hours To his I ordering answered that he was. To his Lordship such a suggestion was so repugnant to one's sense of how one individual should behave so another that it was to be rejected as possibly representing the law.

the doctors could only be guilty here it some distinction were to be drawn between the surgical procedures described and artificial feeding. Criminal liability could not depend on the

If his Lordship was right in so doing

procedures.

A doctor who discontinued artificial feeding of a PVS patient after a lapse of time emitting him to be sure that there was no hope of recovery in oursuance of a conscientious and proper judgment that such discontinuance was in the patient's best interests was guilty of no

For present purposes it did not matter greatly whether one said that that was not an unlawful act or that the doctor lacked criminal intent or that he breached no duty or that his act did not

Even if Mr Munby's first submission were sound, it would leave the doctors free to discontinue antibiotics with the result that Mr Bland would die sooner rather than later perhaps less peacefully than on withdrawal of artificial feeding. 2 The withdrawal was a breach of the doctors' duty to care for and feed him which, since it would inevitably cause his death, was necessarily inlawful and

3 Even if antificial feedingwere medical treatment there was no justification for withdrawing it. To do so was a breach of the doctors' duty to treat and nurse him and, since it would cause his death, it

was unlawful and criminal. It was evident from what his Lordship had already said that he lid not accept any ingredient of either latter subon for the reasons he had given.

His Lordship agreed with the Presi-dent's ruling that in cases of the present kind application should be made to the court to obtain its sanction or the course proposed. It was a wise ruling directed to the protection of patients and doctors and to the reassurance of patients' families and of the public. That practice should be followed.

Lord Justice Butler-Skiss and Lord Justice Hoffmann deliverid judgments concurring in the result. Solicitors: Official Solicion, Mr W. J.

M. Lovel, Harrogate: Treatury Solicitor.

Solicitor forfeited independent status

In re Scientific Investment Pension Plan Clark and Another v Hicks

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies [Judgment November 30] A solicitor appointed as an independent trustee of a pension plan pursuant to section 57C of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975. as inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act 1990, who procured the services of partners in his own firm to

assist him in carrying out his duties did not satisfy the requirements of regulation 2(2) and (3) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Independent Trustee) Regulations (SI 1990 No 2075) taken together, because he was an associate, within section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986, of persons who had provided services to the trustees. Accordingly, he had forfeited his status as an "independent trustee" within the meaning of sections 57C and 57D of the Act of 1975 and the 1990 Regula-

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division when declaring that the first plaintiff, Mr David John Clark, a solicitor, could no longer act as an tific Investment Pension Plan (SIPP) established by Rengredal Holdings Ltd. in liquidation, on a motion brought by the first plaintiff against the defendant. Mrs Margaret Hicks, a member of the SIPPP and representing its other

Regulation 2 of the 1990 Regulations provides: "(1) For the purposes of section 57C(2), a person is 'independent' only if he satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation as well as the requirements of section 57C (3)(a) and (b).

"(2) This paragraph requires that the person has not provided services to the trustee or managers of the scheme, or the employer, in relation to the scheme. This requirement is, however, satisfied if the last occasion on which the person provided services was more than three years before section 57C

tiff: Mr Christopher Nugee for the

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DA-VIES said that the motion had been issued in the course of proceedings by way of originating summons issued by the first plaintiff and the second plaintiff, investment Capital Pension Trustees Ltd, as trustees of the SIPP. The relief sought in the originating summons was for certain direc tions as to the course the mustees

Date of application

Farrand v Tse and Another "Application" for an emergency prohibition order within the meaning of section 12(10)(a) of the Food whereby an application was made to the court by the council's environmental health officer and not the hearing of the application

tion was made to court within three days, no compensation was payable by a local authority to the started to apply in relation to the

tion applies."

Therefore, provided the applica-

(3) This paragraph requires that the person is neither connected with, nor an associate of -(a) a person who has an interest in the assets of the employer or of the scheme, otherwise than as trustee of the scheme: or (b) a person to whom paragraph (2) of this regula-

Mr Patrick Howell, QC and Mr James Clifford for the first plain-

the scheme. The notice of motion was dated October 13, 1992 and sought a direction whether, on the true construction of sections 57C and 57D of the 1975 Act, the 1990 Regulations, the trust deed and in the events which had happened. the first plaintiff was or was not an independent trustee. It was issued

On January 31, 1992 Mr Clark was appointed as the independent trustee of the SIPP. The parties to a supplemental deed of the same date were (i) Rengredal Holdings

He had no doubt that the latter view was to be preferred because one saw in section 57C(2) that "if and so long as this section applies to a scheme, it shall be the duty of proprietors of the premises. the practitioner ... (a) to satisfy The Queen's Bench Divisional self that at all times at least one

Court (Lord Justice Beldam and

Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held

on October 26 in allowing an

appeal by way of case stated

brought by Coventry City Council

against the decision of Coventry

Justices on June 17, 1991 that the

application by the council for an

emergency prohibition order in

respect of The Dragon House, 117

independent person...". Thus it seemed that the practitioner had, after the initial appointment of the independent trustee "at all times" to be satisfied as to the independence of at least one of the trustees.

of the trustees of the scheme is an

If one considered his independence after the date of the appoint-ment one saw, see regulation 2. that a person was not independent

Ltd. in liquidation. (ii) Lee Anthony Manning and (iii) Mr Clark. an independent trustee ceased to comply with the requirements of regulation 2 if he, after the date of his appointment, provided services vithin regulation 2(2) and (3).

In view of that conclusion, it was necessary to consider whether Mr Clark's actions since his appointment had the effect that he ceased to be "independent" as explained in section 57C(2) and (3) and regulation 2.

What had to be considered was regulation 2. Looking at paragraph (2), on the evidence, it appeared that Mr Clark had not provided services to "managers of the scheme, or the employer". He had in a sense provided "services to the trustees" in that in acting on his own or together with his cotrustee some service had been carried out for the fund or trust, for example, in getting in the assets. On the other hand paragraph (2) in speaking of "services to the trustees" might well mean services for which a trustee usually paid, for

example, the services of a solicitor or accountant. On that footing a solicitor, being a sole practitioner, who was an independent trustee could safely carry out all such work as was

ally. That must be so. And in that situation it must be permissible for him to use his own sistants, derks, and so on since they did not provide services to the

However, if in the course of his office, the independent trustee were to act for himself, and his cotrustee in the course of litigation it might be that said that the sole practitioner independent trustee as providing services to the However, Mr Clark was not a

sole practitioner but in partner-ship. Paragraph (3) required that that is, a partner; see section 435 of the 1986 Act. "Person" in paragraph (3) meant in his Lordship's view, a person who had provided "services to the trustees" within paragraph (2). It was a fact that Mr Clark's

partners had provided services to the trustees. He agreed with Mr could not procure his own firm to provide services to the fund or trustees without losing his independence.

Solicitors: Clarks. Reading: Grundy Kershaw & Bowdens,

Manner of proving facts at trial

Arab Monetary Fund v Hashim and Others (No 7) Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment November 25] An order made by the court in the exercise of its discretion, under Order 38, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as to the manner in which facts had to be proved at trial had to identify the particular owner of various bank accounts. fact or facts which were to be proved and then specify the type of evidence which could be given of

that fact. The court's jurisdiction as to what facts or what types of evi-dence might be specified in the order was unrestricted.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of Jawad Mahmoud Hashim, Salwa Al Rufaiee and Omar Hashim, the first, second and eleventh defendants, against that part of the order of Mr Justice Hoffmann on May 12, 1992, when giving directions on various matters pending the trial of the action due commence in the Chancery Division early next year, which related to five categories of original

was imposed.

Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Mr Hugo Page for the appellants; Mr Charles Flint for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the trial would be concerned with many currency and banking transactions and crucial questions would arise as to whose moneys were being used and who was the

The present wording of Order 38, rule 3 had existed since 1954, and his Lordship agreed with the view of Mr Justice Bingham in Hv Schering Chemicals Ltd [1983] 1 WLR 143, 147H) that the purpose of the rule was to facilitate the proof of matters which, although in issue, were peripheral to the major issue in the particular action; its purpose was not to permit

the adducing on a crucial issue matters that were not admissible under the Civil Evidence Act 1968. A much broader view of the rule was taken by Mr Justice Hoffmann when he directed that all the documents could be relied on for the purpose of the court (i) drawing such inferences as it thought fit as to the authenticity of the docu-

In his Lordship's view that went the rule permitted. The rule was

concerned only with the proving of "particular facts". The starting point had to be to identify the particular facts which were to be proved by the means specified in the order made.

The judge had not identified any particular facts but merely identified a large number of documents, and said that they might be relied on as evidence of anything that could be deduced from them.

It would be startling to hold that in civil proceedings wholesale dis-pensation with the hearsay rule had been readily available since 1954, if not before, by means of an order under the rule as broad as the order in the present case.

A further objection was that the judge was aware that some of the documents were to be challenged by the first defendant, so that the effect of the order was to put the onus on him to disprove the authenticity of those documents in respect of which he would have served a notice under Order 27,

or copy documents, bank account transactions, bank instructions, find treating them as admissible evidence of the facts they recorded, and (iii) drawing any judge's discretion under Order 38,

LORD JUSTICE NEILL agreed and, having set out the antecedents of the rule, said that it was clear throughout its history that the power to make orders had

been confined to orders relating to evidence of particular facts. Therefore the order made under the rule had to identify the particular fact or facts and then specify the type of evidence which could be

given of that fact. On the other hand the rule did not appear to contain any restric-tion as to what facts or what types of evidence of those acts might be specified in the order As a matter of jurisdiction the curt's powers

seemed to be unfetteed. Accordingly there was no supthat the court had no prisdiction to make an order in respect of a

subject of a notice under Order 27, His Lordship was satisfied, however, that in the present case any order under the rule should not include any documents whose authenticity was challenged or any facts which remained senuinely in

Lord Justice Hirst igreed with both judgments. Solicitors: Landau & Scanlan;

Community rules not applicable

Regina v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Another, Ex parte Airlines of Britain Holdings plc and

Another Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment December 4] The proposed merger of British Airways and Dan-Air did not have a European Community dimension and was to be dealt with by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry applying British competition law. Accordingly, his de-cision that article 86 of the EEC Treaty, which prohibited the abuse of a dominant position, did not

apply to the merger could not be challenged by judicial review. The Court of Appeal so held refusing a renewed application by two applicant companies, Airlines of Britain Holdings plc and Virgin Adantic Airways Ltd. for leave to apply for judicial review of, inter alia, a decision by the Trade Secretary that article 86 of the EEC Treaty did not apply to the pro-posed merger of British Airways and Dan-Air. The application was renewed following the refusal of leave by Mr Justice Schiemann on

November 23, 1992. Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Paul Lasok for the applicant companies: Mr Jeremy Lever, QC and Mr Michael Patchett-Joyce for the Trade Secretary; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Richard Fowler, QC and Mr Paul Walker for British Airways.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (OJ 1990 L257 p14) which came into force on September 21, 1990 was of crucial concerned with the control of between

It was common around that (a) the proposed merger would result in a concentration within the meaning of article 3 of Regulation tion was not of sufficient size to amount to a concentration with a Community dimension as defined

The applicants argued, inter alia, that Regulation 4064 did not apply to the proposed merger because the scope of the regulation was limited by article 1 to concentrations with a Community dimension, and it followed that there was in force no implementing measure which had applied article 86 to the merger. Accordingly it fell to the United Kingdom

authorities to give effect to article In his Lordship's judgment that argument was bound to fail. It was clear that Regulation 4064 had been adopted as the appropriate

regulation to give effect to the

principles set out in article 86. It was a regulation of the kind contemplated in artide 87 of the EEC Treaty and appled generally to all concentrations is defined in

article 3 of Regulation 4064. The effect of the regulation was to require the Commission to deal with all questions arising under articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty and to leave it to national courts to apply their ewn domestic competition legislation to concentrations within their

The secretary of state had been right to conclude that he had no duty to have regard to article 86 for the purpose of reaching a decision on the proposed merger. His duty

was to apply UK law. Lord Justice Beldim and Lord Justice Kennedy agreed. Solicitor: Harbotile & Lewis:

Treasury Solicitor, Linklaters &

Luxembourg

European Law Report

Special circumstances no defence to failure to implement drinking water directive

Commission of the European Communities v United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland Case C-337/89 Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, R. Joliet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse and M Diez de

Advocate General C. O. Lenz (Opinion January 21) Judgment November 25 The directive on the quality of drinking The directive on the quanty of trinking water required member states to ensure that certain results were achieved and, except within the limits of the derogations laid down, they might not rely on special circumstances in order to justify a failure to discharge that obligation.

The Court of Justice of the European

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Communities so held in granting a declaration that by failing to implement and to apply the directive correctly, the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations UK had failed to faith its obligators under the EEC Treaty.

Article 18(1) of Council Directive 80/778/EEC of July 15, 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (Official-Journal 1980 L229, p11) required the member states to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the

visions necessary to comply with the directive and its annexes within two years following its notification and to inform the Commission forthwith. in addition, article 19 required the member states to take the necessary measures to ensure that the quality of

complied with the directive within five years of its notification. In the case of the UK, those periods expired on July 18, 1982 and July 18, 1985 respectively.

The Commission's complaints were, first, that the UK had failed so implement within the prescribed periods all or part of the provisions of the directive (depending on the regions of the UK concerned) and, second, that it had failed to comply in certain supply zones with the maximum admissible concentration for nitrates and lead laid

down by the directive. The Commission therefore brought an action under article 169 of the EEC Treaty for a declaration that, by failing to implement the directive in its domestic legislation and to apply it correctly the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty. The UK's objection

In its judgment the Court of Justice held as follows:

Non-implementation The Commission claimed that the UK had failed, first, to implement the provisions of the directive concerning water used in the food industry in the regulations applicable to England and Welstein and applicable to England and Wales and, second, to adopt measures

for the implementation of any of the provisions of the directive in Scotland and Northern Ireland. While acknowledging that the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) Regulations (SI 1990 No 119 (S11))

constituted "satisfactory formal im-

plementation" of the directive in Scot-land, the Commission adhered to its complaint in its entirety in respect of that

part of the UK. The defendant had argued that, as far as Scotland was concerned, the com-petent member of the Commission of the European Communities had stated, in a letter of April 13, 1989, that the adoption of appropriate regulations under the Water Act 1973 would lead to the withdrawal of the application with respect to the implementation of the directive in Scotland. Since those regula-tions were adopted, the Commission

was said to have failed in its duty of co-operation under article 5 of the Treaty by pursuing this complaint. That argument could not be upheld. Without its being necessary to assess the legal significance of the letter, it was to noted that its author confined himself to the possibility that the application might be withdrawn in the event of the UK legislation constituting not merely

formal, but complete, implementation of all the provisions of the directive. No undertaking had therefore been given by the Commission. As far as Northern Ireland was concerned, the defendant claimed that difficulties relating to the organisation of the public authorities in that part of the UK explained the delay in the implementation of the directive.

However, as the Court had consis-tently held, a member state might not

plead provisions, practices or circum-

stances in its internal legal system in

order to justify a failure to comply with

directive obligations or time limits.

The Commission claimed that water supplied in 28 supply zones in England did not conform to the maximum admissible concentration ("MAC") of 50 milligrams per litre for nitrates and that the excessive levels were not justified by the derogations provided for in article of the directive.

The UK Government argued, first,

that the directive did not impose an obligation to achieve a result but merely required member states to take all practicable steps to comply with the tandards laid down. The UK claimed to have done so in his case. It added that the failure to achieve the objective was due to extrane ous factors relating in particular to techniques used in agriculture.

It followed from article 7(6) of the directive that the member states had to take the steps necessary to ensure that water intended for human consumption at least met the requirements specified in That result had to be achieved within a period of five years from notification of the directive (article 19), that period being longer than that allowed for

implementation of the directive, namely two years from notification (article 18), in order to enable member states to satisfy the above-mentioned requirements.

The only derogations from the obligation on member states to ensure that water intended for human consumption conformed to the requirements of the directive were those provided for in articles 9, 10 and 20. The first of those

provisions permitted derogations to take account of situations arising from the nature and structure of the ground in the area from which the supply in question comes, as well as situations arising from exceptional meteorological conditions; the second authorised derogations in the event of emergencies; and the third permitted member states, in exceptional cases and for geographically defined population groups, to submit a special request to the Com-mission in order to obtain a longer

The directive therefore required mem-ber states to ensure that certain results were achieved and, except within the limits of the derogations laid down, they might not rely on special circumstances in order to justify a failure to discharge that obligation. Finally, the UK Government claimed that it had granted derogations under article 9 of the directive for the zones in which the MAC specified for nitrates

period for compliance with Annex I.

was exceeded and that it had notified those derogations to the Commission on October 9, 1985. The UK Government considered that in those circumstances the Commi instead of proceeding with its complaint, should have automatically granted the UK an extension of the time-limit notwithstanding the expiry of the period

within which a request under article 20 had to be submitted. However a request under article 20 of the directive for a longer period for complying with Annex I had to be made within the period laid down in article 19 cordance with article 9 of the directive occurred after July 18, 1985, that is to say after that period had expired. Consequently, it was unnecessary to rule on the request made by the UK

Lead levels

compliance with the MAC for lead (parameter 51) had not been secured in Scotland in 17 supply zones serving a population of approximately 52,000 The comments concerning parameter 51 laid down maximum lead levels for

The Commission considered that

water where lead pipes were present as well as conditions governing the taking As the UK Government had correctly pointed out, those comments would be superfluous if they were to be interpreted the manner suggested by the

The comments relating to that param-

eter had therefore to be interpreted as referring to the values to be observed in the case of lead pipes, for which special rules had been laid down. In such a case the 50 micrograms per little value was for guidance only, and suitable measures were required only where samples were taken directly or after flushing and the lead content In such a case the 50 micrograms per

exceeded 100 micrograms per litre requently or to an appreciable extent.

By virtue of article 7(5) of the directive. which provided that account was to be taken of the comments for the purpose of interpreting the values shown in Annex I, it was those special rules which

applied in the case of lead piping.
The UK Government referred to the results of the samples taken in accordance with a procedure agreed between the Commission and the UK; according to those results, 4 per cent of the samples had a lead content exceeding 50 micrograms per litre and 2 per cent a lead content exceeding 100 micrograms per litre.

micrograms per litre. As the UK Government had asserted without being challenged, the samples in question were taken in accordance with Annex II to the directive and in any event the Commission had not shown that, if the samples had been taken according to the method which it shown that, I me samples had been taken according to the method which it indicases, they would have shown that the 100 micrograms per litre limit was exceeded frequently or to an appreciable

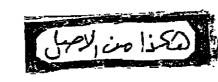
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That complaint had therefore to be

On those grounds, the Court l Declared that, by failing, first, to implement in the regulations applicable in Scotland and Northern Ireland and as regards water used in the food industry, also in England and Wales, Council Directive 80/778/EEC of July 15. 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption and, second, to ensure that the quality of water supplied in 28 supply zones in England conformed to the requirements of the directive concerning nitrates, the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEC Treaty. 2 Dismissed the remainder of the

3 Ordered the UK to pay the costs.



MOTORING

BMW has found that recycling can make new cars and new profits. Vaughan Freeman reports

Car dumps? Scrap that idea

t present just a small proportion of the nation's scrap cars are recycled either in part or in whole. But now Britain's first car dismantling and recycling plant has started operation and pays any-thing from £100 to £2,000 for

CLARRY.

Bolney Motors in West Sussex is BMW's first recycling initiative in the UK. The plant should be processing up to 2,500 old BMWs by next year. The German manufacturer hopes to have as many as 15 such plants in the UK by 1995 to recycle all the 16,000 BMWs scrapped here annually.

In 1990 half a million cars in

Britain were written off and sent to be scrapped. The bulk came from insurance companies disposing of accident write-offs and the rest from dealers passing on part ex-change vehicles that were unroadworthy. The remainder came from private owners who had decided their car could not be sold but was no longer worth repairing to keep on the road.

The occasional scrapyard piled high with teetering mountains of rusting hulks may be a useful source of parts for the DIY mechanic but it is an inefficient method of recycling. As a result, almost two thirds of scrap cars go for land fill in the form of a black toxic sludge, constituting a dismal waste of raw materials and resources.

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At present the Bolney Motors plant can salvage or recycle more than 80 per cent of the raw materials in scrapped vehicles. That figure will rise to 90 per cent when future BMWs, designed and built with recycling in mind, work their way into the system.

Watching the recycling process is like watching a video of a car construction factory, but in reverse. Bolney Motors managing director Mr Paul Webb explains: "First the car goes into a drainage bay where the battery is removed, anti-freeze is drained into 45-gallon tanks and recycled, petrol is drained off and used in our company cars, air conditioning gas is extracted and goes back to BMW dealers to be re-

Oil such as in the gearbox and engine is drained into an underground tank where it is used to help

heat the recycling building. shell is sent to be reported.

All mechanical parts that are metal-shredding plant.



New for old: the Bolney Motors recycling plant in West Sussex, where every part of an old BMW is grist to the mill, not toxic waste

deemed fit for possible overhaul and resale are removed. These are Shell takes brake fluid drained from the later serviced and sold by Bolney as cars, Pilkington takes screen glass used parts to help keep other BMWs on the road a while longer.

The interior too is stripped. Seats that are in good condition are Setting up the Bolney Motors removed for deaning and resale operation has meant developing but those too tatty to be salvaged are ntacts with companies who can reduced to their metal frames and use the materials that are extracted. rubber hair. This old upholstery is Shell take brake fluid drained from the cars, Pilkington takes screen glass to be metted down, and aluminium smelters also use compressed and goes to make sound deadening material for BMW's new range of cars.

Finally, large items like the Bolney Motors as a source. The plant points the way forwards, said Mr Webb, who says engine and sub-frames are removed and the car roof is cut off for ease of transport before the gutted shell is sent to be reprocessed at a cars will in future have to be designed with recycling in mind-For instance modern dashboards

made of metal, plastic and foam which is all bonded together, can not be separated for recycling. BMW is producing dashboards made only of plastic.

One idea to encourage motorists to recycle, says BMW, would be to give a "death certificate" or de-registration form to owners who present their expired vehicle at an approved salvage centre for dispos-Owners who get rid of their vehicles but are unable to produce such a certificate could face fines.

BMW believes that as well as being an environmentally sound initiative and a politically astute one, it should also prove profitable. Mr Webb pays car owners a minimum of £100 for their wrecks. rising to £2,000 for a BMW 750.

Breaking down a car takes up to seven hours and costs about £175 per vehicle in labour alone. The returns begin from metal merchants willing to pay £35 per ton of car shell metal.

Mr Webb says: "We believe if the thing is run properly we can make money and if we can dismantle and recycle efficiently then there should be a market at the end of it for us." ● BMW owners can contact Bolney Motors on 0444 246583.

Let the satellite take the strain

The Japanese are pressing ahead with an automatic safe-driving system

I he fall of the Berlin Wall has brought with it an unexpected but welcome "peace divi-dend" for motorists fed up with maps, jams and crowded roads in the futile fight to drive somewhere on time (Vaughan Freeman writes). Military satellites are increasingly under-used as the needs for their services, like the demand for military hard-ware, evaporates in the wake of improving East-West

Mazda, the Japanese car manufacturer, is already using recently vacated military satellite links in Japan to provide motorists with instant information on where they are, and how to get where they want to go, fast. Now Mazda is preparing to graft this system onto an entire safe-driving package which will give motorists maximum information on the road ahead, as well as automatically keeping their vehicles at a safe speed for the conditions and at a

safe distance from vehicles ahead. The system is now in prototype form, and being tested on a "mule" mobile test-bed in Japan in the form of a Mazda 929. At its heart are three in-car cameras mounted on the front edge of the car roof at the top of the windscreen. These monitor the vehicle's position and tell the motorist where he is in relation to the middle of the road, whether he is approaching a bend too quickly and whether he is weaving. Warning lights are used together with a voice box, and the audio warnings include "leaving lane", "distance too close" and

'excess speed". In addition, a laser radar mounted on the front of the car at bumper height checks the speed and distance of vehicles in front. When set to "follow mode" or "traffic mode", information from the laser feeds to a central computer then automancally controls accelerator and brakes to keep the car at a constant

distance from the vehicle in front.

All this, Mazda says, allows the driver to concentrate solely on steering rather than worrying about cars in front suddenly stop-

ping unexpectedly.

The driver can also pick up information on which roads are busiest. An aerial receives information on traffic flows from a central control centre, relayed to the car via is displayed to the driver through display screens on the dashboard. Mazda insists that the system is

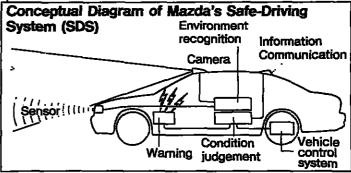
not a gimmick. The navigation system is in use in Japan today, having been introduced two years ago, eight years after Mazda said they were working on it. It is available on the Mazda Unos Cosmo limousine as an optional extra and costs £2,500. The system uses a computer data-bank of maps

covering the whole of Japan.

A display panel allows the driver to pull over and check exactly where he is. He can then call up the best route to his destination.

Mazda spokesman Tim Watson says: "The safe driving system is not a gimmick. Mazda is serious in putting together a package that will be available on cars within 10 years

Motorists who venture on the M25 armed only with local radio traffic bulletins can only hope the breakthrough comes sooner rather than later.



Mazda's vision: the safety system, now being tested in Japan

Honda aims at the big boys

America loves it

— now the

top-flight Accord is about to

hit Britain

onda's recently com-pleted £300 million Swindon factory is building just one or two of its all new Accord saloons each (Vaughan Freeman

writes).
This is the car with which Honda plans to assault its upmarket rivals such as BMW, Audi and Mercedes Benz. The tiny daily output is deliberate, as Honda strives to ensure that quality is first rate before production is increased. The two cars a day are rigorously checked for possible quality flaws at each stage of assembly. This is parily because the first cars to be built will be helping Britain's export drive to that most demanding of markets, Germany.

Besides this, the saloons, to cost from £15,000 to £19,000. will be competing against cars such as the Audi 80, BMW 3 series, Mercedes Benz 190 and top-flight offerings from Ford and Vauxhall.

Despite the recession, falling new car sales and job layoffs and short-time working at other UK manufacturers, Honda has just announced it will create a further 1,100 jobs in addition to the existing 900 staff at the Swindon factory.



Where luxuries are fitted as standard: the 125mph Honda Accord is set to challenge BMW and Mercedes Benz

Output of the Accord will rise next year to 30,000 and hit an annual 50,000 by 1995. Total annual production at Swindon will be 100,000 by 1995, with the introduction alongside the Accord of a new Concerto.

In America Honda's slow build-up has paid dividends. The American version of the Accord has been the country's top-selling car for the past two years. Honda claims not to have such ambitious plans in Britain, despite the faith it is placing in the 125mph Accord. With its Formula One racing pedigree Honda has long been proud of its engineering tradition, and the twolitre versions of the Accord mirror that pride.

The 16-valve engine is remarkably smooth and equip-ment levels extremely high with the "basic" LS fitted with anti-lock brakes, power steering, remote central locking and electric windows, mirrors and sunroof as standard. The Accord ES adds air conditioning, alarm system and driver's siđe air bag.

The cars are comfortable and the back seats provide enough head and leg room for passengers more than 6ft tall. Driving the basic LS and ES models one after the other I

car goes on sale in Britain next

found the LS less lively and lacking the response of its dearer cousin, even though the engines, transmission and steering were identical. There is no doubt about the quality of the Accord finish, yet the car does not carry the same feeling of weight and solidity as, for example, a BMW. The

spring and customers will have to wait just two weeks frrom order to delivery.

Engine: 2-litte 4-cylinder 16valve petrol engine giving a maximum 131bhp at 5,400rpm; with front wheel drive and five-speed manual gearbox. Performance: 0-60mph in 11 sec, top speed 125mph. Economy: 35mpg at 75mph, 28mpg in town. Price: From about £15,000.

The cold facts about safety-first driving

Take more care this winter — and get home in one piece

orward planning is the → most crucial of accessories for any motorist setting out on a winter drive with hopes of arriving safely (Vaughan Freeman writes). Winter, with its long hours of darkness, ice, fog, and snow, make motoring even more hazardous than usual.

Before getting behind a wheel, the safe driver has already been busy preparing to drive safely, the AA says.

On frosty winter mornings, a clear view of the road is essential, yet too many motorists just clear a tiny patch on their windscreens before set-

Andrew Howard, the head of the Automobile Association's road safety unit, says: Too many motorists drive like tank commanders, peering through tiny holes scraped in snow-covered or ice-covered windows. They are seriously compromising safety as well as breaking the law." During the winter, keep

your car fully serviced. Roy Staunton, the head of techni-cal services at the AA, says flat batteries are one of the biggest causes of breakdown in winter, and must be kept topped up with distilled water. Terminals and connectors should be smeared with petroleum jelly to combat corrosion.

Anti-freeze also must be checked to ensure the level is

right, and that it is of the right strength to prevent radiator water from freezing. Tyre pressures and treads should be checked weekly, windscreen wipers, which crack in the cold, replaced every 12 months, and a freezing inhibitor added to the screen washer bottle (do not use anti-freeze as this will damage paintwork). In bad winter conditions,

'If you know it is going to be foggy, allow a lot more

time for your journey'

decide first if your journey is necessary. If it is, take a tow rope, jump leads, a small spade, and matting for extra grip. On long trips, a thermos of hot drink and a blanket are good idea. Stick to main roads, as less-

used roads are more likely to be icy. "Always drive to suit the conditions," Mr Howard says, and keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. If you know it is going to be foggy, allow a lot more time for your

Skidding is every motorist's nightmare, and Linda Hatswell, the AA driving school training manager, says: "On snow-covered and icy roads, pull away in the highest gear possible, to avoid

"Steer, brake, and accelerate slowly to prevent loss of control. Remember, ice may be lurking underneath slushy roads, so use gritted roads wherever possible.

Take particular care when driving downhill on ice. Slow down and select a high gear to reduce the risk of skidding caused by engine braking.

"If the car starts to slide, ease off the brakes and accelerator. then re-apply the brakes lightly several times in quick succession until you regain control." If the worst comes to the

worst and you either break down or the car leaves the road, immediately turn on the hazard warning lights. It is also advisable to get out of the car, especially on motorways. to avoid injury should another vehicle hit you from behind.

However, women drivers, particularly when travelling alone, should stay close to the car with a nearside door open so that they can quickly get back in should somebody approach of whom they are not sure. Once inside, they should also lock the doors and win-



POLICE in the North East have added a 140mph Ford Escort RS Cosworth (left) to their anti-crime armoury. The Northumbria police has a fleet of high performance Sierra Cosworths which helped cut auto crime 13 per cent in the past year. High speed chases have dropped 15 per cent as thieves ditch their stolen cars rather than trying to out-speed the police.

Chinese whisperers

THE spirit of free enterprise is infiltrating China. A £1 million fleet of ten Rolls Royces is on its way customers there, while in London, the Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Mr Ma Yuzhen, has taken delivery of a 1115,000 Rolls Royce Silver Spur II, appropriately finished in Ming

Catching up with criminals

D-fuelling A YEAR after launching the Peugeot 106, the range has been expanded with the introduction of

diesel engine versions priced at between £7,142 and £7,507. The 1.4-litre diesel engines give a fuel economy of 76mpg at 56mph. and a 700-mile range on each nine-gallon fill-up.

High calibre

VAUXHALL has scooped a fistful of accolades for its performance cars. The Calibra four-wheel drive turbo, the Carlton three litre GSi and the Lotus Cariton have all been voted best cars in their category by

ROADWISE

the readers of Fast Lane sporting car magazine.
Vauxhall was the only manufac turer to win more than one award, and the cars won particular praise for their safety items, such as anti-

Maverick deal

lock brakes.

FORD has finally moved to cash in on the only booming sector of new car sales. Four-wheel drive vehicles have seen a 35 per cent rise in sales so far this year, and Ford's offering in this "utility" market is the Maverick, built in partnership with

Nissan at the Japanese manufacturer's Barcelona factory.

Like the Vauxhall Frontera models which it will compete with, the Maverick will come in three-door, short-wheel-base form, and fivedoor long-wheel-base, with either a 2.4-litre petrol engine or a 2.7-litre diesel. Prices are likely to range from £12,000 to £16,000 and the cars are expected to arrive in the United Kingdom next summer.

Wain's world

A SERIOUS contender for car commuter of the year must be Louise Wain, a press relations officer, who daily covers the 250mile round-trip from her Malvern

home near Hereford to her office in Chiswick, west London.

Louise gets through a tank of fuel a day and spends five hours behind the wheel. Asked why, she said she loves her job, her home and her

Three's company

BMW HAS announced it is to bring forward the planned launch in the United Kingdom of its high performance M3 coupe.

The £33,000 M3 will now be launched here next May. BMW hopes to sell 250 of the 155mph cars annually in Britain, as the sporting flagship of its 3-series

range. Despite the top speed and a 0-60mph figure of six seconds. BMW claims the fuel consumption of 43mpg at 56mph.

Wessels will not be disciplined after incident with Kapil

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN JOHANNESBURG

KEPLER Wessels, the South Africa captain, avoided any disciplinary action yesterday. following an Indian allegation that he struck Kapil Dev on the legs with his bat, during the unsavoury one-day international in Port Elizabeth on

Wednesday night. Clive Lloyd, the International Cricket Council referee, announcing the outcome of his enquiry here, said: "The truth cannot be established, but if the conduct alleged did occur, it would be reprehensible and would warrant ex-

treme censure."
Lloyd said that Wessels admitted his bat did "contact" Kapil as he turned completing a run, but it had been unintentional. Lloyd said the television cameras had followed the ball and did not record the

incident.
Lloyd conceded that he did not see what happened, but pointed out that players could collide in these situations. "I can only act on things I actually see. Senior players' futures are at stake. I cannot go around fining or suspending people without proper

They are entitled to be

Hobart: A six by Asif Mujtaba off the last ball earned Paki-

stan a breathtaking tie against Australia in the World Series

Cup match here yesterday.

The 25-year-old left-hander,

from Karachi, hit a full toss

from Steve Waugh over the

mid-wicket boundary for a

Asif's innings of 56, which

not surprisingly earned him

the man-of-the-match award,

seized the initiative from Aus-

tralia, who had looked poised

for victory after scoring 228

for seven and tying down the

Pakistan, with two wickets

left, needed 17 from the final

over after Asif and Rashid

Latif, the wicketkeeper, had

struck a dashing 68-run sev-

caught off Waugh's first ball,

but the batsmen crossed. Asif

cracked the second ball for

four and when Aqib refused to

complete a comfortable-look-

ing second run on the third

ball, Pakistan required 12 off

Aqib hoisted the next ball

over Waugh into the sightscreen for four and a

single left Asif with one ball.

Waugh delivered a full toss

that Asif lofted for six, and at

first he thought he had stolen

the match from Australia until

the last three.

enth-wicket partnerhip.

share of the points.

Pakistani top order.

goodness knows what it could lead to if we did not act correctly.

The clash between Kapil and Wessels followed the running-out of Kirsten by Kapil for backing up prematurely. Kirsten's conduct in remonstrating with the umpire and Kapil and his use of offensive language - both at the time and in the dressing-room later to Indian officials — had been unacceptable.

Kirsten, therefore, Lloyd said, would be fined 50 per cent of his match fee, and would pay 1,000 rand (about £220). Lloyd said he would be talking to both teams before tonight's third international at Verwoerdburg about their be-haviour and the need to maintain the proper spirit of cricket. During this talk he would be referring to bowlers and their right to run out batsmen at the non-striker's

Lloyd admitted that he was disappointed that replays of all the incidents had not been available from the South African Broadcasting Corpora-tion. Asked about the twofinger gesture Wessels made at Kapil from the other end

Mujtaba hits six off the last

ball to snatch tie for Pakistan

to see that he had tied the

game, Pakistan 228 for nine.

in limited-overs cricket. They

finished level with West Indies

in Pakistan during the 1991-2

season. Australia have tied

Aamir Sohail and Ramiz

Raja, with ten on the board.

Miandad and Salim Malik

were then tied down before a

subdued Miandad was out for

Malik was top scorer with a

patient 64 off 98 deliveries,

but it was a typical breezy 22

off 34 balls from Inzamam-ul-

Haq and the coming together

Pakistan lost their openers,

three times.

14 off 50 balls.

It was Pakistan's second tie

Kirsten, Lloyd again said that he did not see it. To onlookers was understandable that television missed the incident when Wessels and Kapil clashed -- it led to Kapil being treated for bruises to both shins. Wessels's anger and gestures were shown on television, however, and also repeated. It seems curious that they were not available for the match referee yesterday.

Lloyd agreed that he could have taken note if any South African board members had reported to him what their captain had been alleged to do with either his bat or by gestures. Nobody in authority, however, had spoken to him. Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, attended the enquiry and said that at no stage had Kapil claimed that Wessels had deliberately struck him with the bat. Amrit Mathur, the Indian

manager, declined to allow Kapil to speak to reporters. Whether the atmosphere has been ruined for the rest of India's so-called "friendship tour remains to be seen. Whether Kirsten should retain the South African vice-cap-

of Asif and Rashid that gave

It is not the first time Asif

has denied Australia victory.

Six seasons ago, he hit nine

runs off the last over to secure

a Pakistani win in the Perth

The fifth game of the series is in Adelaide, starting

Challenge Cup.

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Pakistan a fighting chance.



Hands across the water. Coe, right, welcomes Nebiolo as an overseas associate member of the CCPR

British sports bodies welcome Nebiolo

BY DAVID POWELL

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PRIMO Nebiolo and Britain have not always been the best of friends, but the controversial president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has been feted in London for the past three days. After his hour with the Princess Royal at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, Nebiolo was at the offices of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) yesterday to be honoured as its first overseas

The CCPR has been in existence for 57 years and Sebastian Coe MP, the for-

associate member.

mer Olympic 1,500 metres champion, welcomed Nebiolo in an informal ceremony.

Nebiolo was chosen for this small mark of history "in recognition of his outstanding achievements in international sport". Peter Lawson. the CCPR general secretary, said: "We have recognised that, in 15 years, athletics has gone from a Cinderella sport to one of the top sports in the world. We believe his achievements should be honoured by British sport as a whole."

The CCPR's move will be seen as a show of its support for Britain's bid to bring the Olympics to Manchester in the year 2000, just as the Princess Royal's invitation was an opportunity to talk about the same. Not only is Nebiolo the autocratic leader of world athletics, but he is also a member of the Interna-

tional Olympic Committee.
"He has his critics but he is a fighter and an achiever," Lawson said. Nebiolo's conquests for his sport since he became president in 1981 include fat sponsorships, television receipts exceeding \$100 million, appearance fees and prize money.

His victories, though, carry the scars of war. The most severe was inflicted in 1987 when he was implicated in the Giovanni Evangelisti long jump scandal, when Italian officials attempted to

rig the result of the world championships in Rome. In a later furore over financial irregularities involving con-tracts with the Italian federation, Nebiolo was forced to resign as president of the federation

In 1988 he was at odds with British officials over his insistence that Zola Budd should be suspended for allegedly participating in a race in South Africa. In 1989, Nebiolo was criti-

cised by the Princess Royal for his handling of the annual session of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations.

All of which was forgotten

SCHOOLS SPORT

Durham and Bedford finish unbeaten again

By Chiris Dighton

FOR the second season in succession both Bedford and Durham schools have completed their rugby fixtures unbeaten. At Bedford, the success has come as something of a surprise to the master-in-charge, Guy Fletcher, who did not expect great things from his team at the start of term.

"The beauty of it is that they have really worked hard for each other and have shown a very tenacious streak." Fletch-

The season's record of played 13, won 11, drawn two was completed by a 13-0 win over St Paul's in a march in which the former England 18 Group captain, Andy Gomarsal, scored all the

Gomarsal missed three games with injury, including a 13-0 defeat of Rugby that Fletcher regards as the side's

performance of the season. match of the season. Put "We were five players short that day and, although Andy grabs all the headlines, it was a time when the rest pulled together and proved their resolve," he said.

Durham completed a run of 35 marches without defeat when they beat Mount St Mary's 17-3.

Meanwhile, Uppingham's hopes of joining the list of unbeaten schools at colts level were destroyed in the final

through their paces by Dick Best, the England coach, on the eve of the match with Oundle, Uppingham were then beaten 27-0. Windsor Boy's School fin-

ished their season with a 5-0 win over Chevalier College, an Australian touring side. That gave the school a record of 15 victories from 17 matches. What stands out is their points tally. Windsor scored 473 and conceded only 71.

LTA finds comfort amid the gloom

By ALIX RAMSAY

IT HAS not exactly been the worst year for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) but it has not been a year of massive improvements either. Over the past 12 months. Britain have been relegated from the world group in both the Davis and Federation Cups and Jo Durie and Jeremy Bates still head the British rankings despite being 32 and 30 years of age respectively. So far there is no sign that anybody is ready to take their place at the top of the domestic tree.

But despite the continued gloom the LTA still feels there are grounds for celebration. At its annual meeting at Queen's Club yesterday, the president. lan King, was quick to identify the problems but was also keen to point out that, in his view, the British public's expectations were too high.

"One of our main problems is that we have the best tournament in the world in Wimbledon so to the public only the best will do in terms of results," he said.

"In tennis terms if you are not in the top 100, you haven't made it. But if you are playing on the wing for Arsenal, you are loved by the crowd and thought of as a success.

Yet in world terms that player is maybe only in the top 5.000. We have only two per cent of the world's players in the game in this country so, by that reckoning, we should have only two players in the top 100."

But despite the explanations. Britain has not produced a winner. Jeremy Bates's success in reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon did promote massive public interest, something not lost on

King.
"One is left to wonder what impact would be made by a British man or woman achieving even greater success at a grand-slam event," he said. "But a Wimbledon winner

would be the icing on the cake. realistically what I want to see is the pulling together of a good group of young players." In order to find those players the LTA is to set up a marketing department to spread the gospei of the game" and get more people

"If our playing base is limited then our chance of success is limited," King said. "Already we have 160 targeted young players and we want to make the best of them."

The junior level is where the future champions will come from. After the success of Jamie Delgado at the Orange Bowl and Miles Maclagan in reaching the semi-finals at iunior Wimbledon, King is convinced things are starting to happen.

"We have the infrastructure in place and the coaching has been transformed in the last few years," he said. "What we need now is a bit of luck to see someone set all of this alight."

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)

Reilly says longer season will hamstring Great Britain

Mujtaba: man of match

By Christopher Irvine

MALCOLM Reilly, the Great Britain coach, has officially opposed a plan to lengthen the season to between nine and ten months of the year which is expected to be approved next week by the 35 club chairmen.

By moving the county cup competitions to August as part of an extended league programme next season, Reilly lears that quantity will further

dilute the quality of play required to match rapid dev-Australia.

Rugby board of directors, Reilly expressed the hope that money, tradition and short-term solutions would not dictate thinking of members of the league council, whose final package on Tuesday will go to a special meeting of clubs on January 6.

elopment of the game in In a letter this week to the

Football League's

"The majority of the players

are not yet convinced just how much they have to improve their approach and commit-ment." Reilly said. "We have got to make some giant steps if our game is to go forward. That will not be achieved by increasing demands on players and reducing their opportumities to prepare."

The wear and tear of an already congested season has taken its toll on the Welsh team announced yesterday to face France in Perpignan on

Sunday. The centre, Allan Bateman, and the prop, Ian Marlow, scraped through fitness tests but will require intensive treatment on injuries. Three players from the side defeated 36-11 by England last month are absent.

The newcomers are Adrian Hadley, the wing, Gary Pearce, the stand-off half, and Roland Phillips, the secondrow forward. Peter Williams, the former England rugby union stand-off half, appears

English Bridge Union nat-

ional women's teams over the

weekend, together with San-

dra Landy and Michelle

for the first time, as a

Wigan could go dear in the Stones Bitter championship tonight if they win at Halifax and Castleford defeat St Hel-

and Castletora defeat of Helen's at Wheldon Road.
TEAM: WALES (v France at Perpignan, on
Sunday): P Ford (Sationa): A Hadley
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Pearce (Ryedale York), K Eliss (Warmgton); D Young (captain, Sationa): D Bishood
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(Swarton): P Williams (Sational Travelling
reserve: P Reynolds (Rochdete Homes).

ICE HOCKEY

Whitley emerge from the shadows

THE cream has come to the top for the inaugural final of the Benson and Hedges Cup at Sheffield Arena tomorrow (Norman de Mesquita writes). Cardiff Devils and Whitley Warriors are the highest-scoring teams this season and occupy the leading places in the Heineken League premier division.

Cardiff are favourites but Whitley do not have any feelings of inferiority. According to John Iredale, their Britain forward, they are at last emerging from the shadow cast across northeast England by Durham Wasps. "It's a bit much when a

Whitley paper carries pictures of the Wasps," he said. "But since we beat them three times in a fortnight, that's changing. It's mainly thanks to our coach, Rab Petrie, who has brought professionalism to the club both on and off the ice." Whitley also have talented

imports. "Claude Dumas is

College (South Africa) D. Daily Mail Under-18 Cupr. Storyhurst 6. Bradford GS 45 Daily Meil Under-15 Cupr. Pengbourne 20, Aylesbury GS D. Wirnali GS S. Storyhurst 10 Convacted result: Colle's 13. Stitem 27. 18-group: Nottinghamshire 13, Northampion-shire 7. 16-group: Nottinghamshire 10, Northampion-shire 12, Kent Under-14 Cupr. Finst: Cranbrook 25, Judd 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Leeds 10, Warrington 13. Second division: Sationd 80, Keighley 18

SKIING

flying. Scott Morrison is one of the few all-round players in this country and, on defence, we have one of the best in Mike Rowe." Iredale said.

The Devils have good intports, too, and there are few better skaters than Doug Mc-Ewen or better attacking defencemen than Shannon Hope. They also have Stephen Cooper, the leading Britishborn defenceman, as well as emerging youngsters in Jason Stone and Nicky Chinn.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44 PERISCII

(b) Those who dwell within the polar circles, whose shadows revolve around them as the sun moves around the heavens on a summer day, from the Greek peri all round + skis shadow: "Periscii are such as dwell beyond the Polar Circles, because their shadows are on all sides of them." NAYWORD (a) A watchword or catchword, of obscure formation, there is no obvious connection with either may or ay: "A persuasion that the first of the sounds 'Victoria regula' was the proper nayword for gentlemen

to know when to take off their hats." BOONGARY

(b) The tree kangaroo of North Queensland, Dendrologus innholtziz. "Upon the whole, the boongary is the most beautiful enumeral I have seen in Australia." "The blacks concluded the Boongary never drank."

(b) The ovipositor in arachnids, the external genital plate in spiders, from the Greek epi upon + game a woman: "These ovaries have a common exterior orifice (valva), and connected with this opening there is frequently an epigyne, or ovipositor."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

A further sacrifice of a rook breaks white's defences: 1 ... Rxb2+! 2 Bxb2 Rd2+ wins, e.g. 3 Ne2 Rxe2+ 4 Kg! Ne3! and 5 ... Rg2 mate is unstoppable.

Selectors recall Horton for European campaign

BRIDGE

SALLY Horton, who narrowly failed in her attempt to become the first woman for many years to break into Britain's open squad, has won back her place in the women's international team by virtue of back-to-back successes in two important events (Albert Dormer writes).

The selectors have invited her to join Britain's world Olympiad silver medal-winners when they challenge for the forthcoming European championship. Horton will replace Pat Davies, who has withdrawn because of work commitments. Horton will play with Da-

vies's former partner. Nicola

Smith Horton and Smith

were narrow winners of the

Handley, two of the Olympiad silver medal-winners. A week earlier, Horton had already laid down a strong marker when, in an otherwise all-male squad, she won the British Bridge League's Swiss team event at Llangollen by a record margin.

England began the Camrose Trophy campaign by beating Northern Ireland 22-8. 21-9, 16-14 at Ballymena, County Antrim, With Patrick Jourdain making his fiftieth international appearance. Wales defeated Scotland 12-18, 16-13, 20-10 at PorthLATEST TROPHY: Semi-final, first leg:
Laicaster Cby Riders 112 (Waldron 31,
Haris 27), Thames Valley Tigers 106 (L.
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EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP:
Semi-final series: Group B: Estudiantes
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston
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Suris 110, Charlotte Homest 101; Detroit
Pations 108, Orlando Magor 103, Philadelphia 76ers 115, Seathe SuperSories 104;
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BASKETBALL

BANGKOK: BBF straw-weight champlon-ship: Thei Rationappol Soworapin (Thei) bt Manny Malchor (Phil, holder), pts. **GOLF**

BOXING

COOLUM. Australia: Men's tournament: First nound (Australia unless stated): 87: N Kerry. G. Serban. 68: G. Joyner, M. Mackenzee (CE), P. Daws. 69: B. King, M. Cleyton, M. King, L. Wastle, C. Mann. T. Linskey. Other British scores: 73: A George. Disqualified: B Jackson. ONNA. Japan: Men's tournament: First nound. (Jeptin unless stated): 64: S. Furuyarna, 86: M. Kuramoto, D. Ishai (US), K. Takahashi. 67: B. Jones (Aus). S. Kanai, M. Hatburti. 70: C. Tas-chung (Tewan), W. Smith (Aus). 75: P. Hoad (CB). MELBOURNE: Women's tournament: First nound: 69: J. Wyatt. (Can), A. Diboo (Peru), S. Waugh (Aus). 70: D. Hutton (Aus).

FOR THE REGORD TO 71: M Spencer-Devlin (US), D Reid (GB), K Pearce (Aus), Other British accres: 74: S Nickin, 78: D Dovling, 77: L Davies, 78: K Douglas.

CURLING

PERTH: Teachers European champion-ships: Seventh round: Mert: Germany 7, England 4; Finland 4, France 7; Scotland 8, Switzerland 7; Placings: 1, Germany 5, wins, 1 loss); 2, Switzerland (4, 2); equal 3, Sweden, Scotland, France (3, 3); 6, Finland 2, 4); 7, England (1, 5). Women: Norway 8, Scotland 5; Germany 8, Sweden 11; Finland 6, Denmark 5, Placings: 1, Germany (5, 1); equal 2, Honway, Sweden (4, 2); equal 4, Scotland, Finland (3, 3); 6, Switzerland (4, 2); 7, Denmark (0, 6).

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buttero Se-bres 5, Boston Frums 2; Hartford Whalens 6, Ottawa Senators 2; Washington Capitals 6, New Jersey Davills 2; New York Rangers 6, Tampa Bay Lighting 5; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Destor Had Wings 3; Vancouver Canucks 8, San Jose Sharks 3.

AUGBY UNION Addreshott.
CLUB MATCHES: Civil Serveo 10, United Barlis 12; West London Institute 69, St. Many's Hospital 7.
SCH-COLS MATCHES: Harmoton 50, Wallington 10. Hunspierpoint 0, Liston Cott (New Zealand) 15; Llandovery 0, Crawsing's XV 22: Oratory 21, Shipalae 5; RGS High Wycombe 17, St. Andrew's TiGNES, France: Fraestyle World Cup: Bellet: Ment: 1, R. Kristiensen (No.), 27.30pts; 2, F. Backer (Fr), 25.40, 3, R. Franco (M., 25.40, 4, H. Baumgestner (Switz), 25.30; 5, T. Heyerdid (Nor), 24.50. Women: 1, E. Breen (US), 34.60; 2, A. Jenandson (Swe), 22.60; 3, S. Tetzold (US), 21.90; 4, C. Fechoz (Fr), 21.00; 5, E. Batalova (Russ), 18.40. British placings: 6, J. Snotl, 21.10; 16, V. Simpson, 17.10; 22, J. Cary, 15.00.

SWIMMING

PONDS FORGE, Sheffleit: Optrex ASA national short-course champtoriships: Men: 400m treestyle; 1, P Parintr (Lincoln Perisaqua), 3.47.38; 2, J Wison (City of Sundorisadua), 3.51.22, 3, S Meltor (Satolito, Macclesfield), 3.51.41. Som breassander; 1, J Hender (City of Leeds), 28.26; 2, J Parrack (City of Leeds), 28.25; 5 Handley (City of Southamborn), 29.81, 3, J Bradley (Mingays and Bearsdon), 25.17, 400m (Mingays and Bearsdon), 25.17, 400m

mediey: 1. G Robine. (Pertamouth North spa), 4 16 63 (Britch record), 2. D Warren (Cly) of Leods), 4 19.96, 3. M Hoover (Cly) of Leods), 4 19.96, 3. M Hoover (Portsmouth Northaua), 4 20.56 (Worsen: 100m Investigle), 1. K Perbarring (pswinch), 55.44, 2. S (Dawer (Portsmouth Northaua), 56.94, 3. C Handari (Life of Leods), 57.23. Som bringststroker: 1. Eaker (Edv. of Shofffeld), 31 66 (Brit t. cl.); K Rate (Masseull), 22 18, 3. C Common. (Chy of Sauthampton), 32 54, 4. K Binhar (Cockermouth), 33 07 (Scotter), prave (Cockermouth), 33 07 (Scotter), prave (Scotta), 50m buttarity: 1. S D Twen-Portsmouth Northau), 23 03 (Scotter), prave (Scotta), 20 00 (Scotter), 23 N Gaustari (Nova Conharon), 23 53, 3. M Lock (Chy of Caronni, 29 00 (Scotter), 24 52 12. M Hardenian (Chy of Bernangham), 44 52 2. A 200m Investigie: 1. Portsmalli Northau, 8,25 70 (British dub Incausa). City of Loods, 8 26 62, 3. Nova Cartariani 8 28 15.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Open champlonship: Social round: C Dismit (Auct) to H (Kistr. (Got), 15-6, 15-12, 12-15, 15-4, R Austria (Auct) bit R Norman (NZ), 15-1, 15-8, 15-7, U Mann (Auct) bit Library & New (Auct) Section 1 (August 1971) 15-1, 15-9, 15-7, U. Mannin (August 1971) 15-10, 15-12, T. Mannington (August 1971) 15-10, 15-12, T. Mannington (August 1971) 15-13,

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Travelling Wrong to stay unbeaten word him, even though he

WITH the future in mind, the Allied Dunbar Novices' Chase should be a riveting spectacle at Cheltenham today, now that Askinfarney and Travelling Wrong have stood their

Both spent their formative days in Ireland where Askinfarney won four of the seven point-to-points that he contested. Travelling Wrong also won four times between the flags but was unbeaten.

John Upson is of the opinion that Askinfarney is as good as any horse that he has brought over from Ireland and that is certainly saying something.

His defeat of Light Veneer at Towcester five weeks ago undoubtedly reads well because Light Veneer had won his previous start at Wolverhampton and his only subsequent race at Hereford.

Yet I still prefer Travelling Wrong in this instance. Looking at him in the paddock and watching him win by 15 MICHAEL PHILLIPS

lengths at Newbury a fortnight ago, it was easy to understand why his trainer, David Nicholson, fell in love with him when he saw him in Ireland earlier this year before recommending to Brigadier Roscoe Harvey that he should buy him.

To depict today's race as a match, though, would be mis-leading because Camelot Knight and Menebuck also have good credentials, particu-larly Camelot Knight, even though he had luck on his side when winning at Newton Abbot and Kempton.

He has always been held in high regard by his trainer, Henrietta Knight, whose horses have been running consistently well this season.

Nevertheless, I firmly believe Travelling Wrong is

beaten sequence. Richard Dunwoody, Travelling Wrong's rider, also has

sound prospects of winning the Cheltenham Sponsorship Chib Novices' Hurdle earlier in the programme for Nicky Henderson on Thumbs Up. Having won first time out at Chepstow. Thumbs Up found

Dreamers Delight one and a

half lengths too good at Aintree. With that winner going on to score again at Newbury, the form is sound. No horse running at Cheltenham today will appreciate the testing conditions more than Aquilifer, my selection for the Food Brokers Fisherman's Friend Chase. Indeed, Martin Pipe, who made five entries for the race, has been

waiting for these conditions. Only the redoubtable Carvill's Hill proved too good for Aquilifer on his seasonaldebut at Chepstow last year. Come this spring at Punchestown, similar conditions saw him

1.55 SOUTHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,915; 2m 1f) (11 runners)

Long bandiago: Milaor Oddy 9-12, Grant Saling 9-4, BETTRNS: 11-8 Hawhorn Staze, 2-1 Gabay High, 9-2 Saudiaust Part, 7-1 Vodia Fzz, 14-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.30 ALLIED DUNBAR NOVICES CHASE

CHASE (£10,698: 3m 1f.110yd) (11 runners)

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601 352851- ADELLER 225 (CD,6.5) (B Kilpatick) M Pipe 12-12-0

602 2513/P MULTUM M PARYOZ DI (CLF.5) (A Paine) J Edwards 9-10-13

603 PSP-303 SEAGRAM 20 (CD,F.6.5) (SE file Paine) D Borres 12-10-11

604 0ULP-13 ESHA MESS 13 (BF.6.5) (P Borres Mes. J Pimes 9-10-6

605 35P-221 BORACEVA 11 (CLF.9.5) (Doin of Athol) G Building 9-10-6

606 360-521 SHAIG A BUILK 10 (B.6.5) (C Contaile) D Essenth 9-10-6

607 360-521 SHAIG A BUILK 10 (B.6.5) (C Contaile) D Essenth 9-10-6

608 370-53-10 SHAIG A BUILK 10 (B.6.5) (C Contaile) D Essenth 9-10-6

3.40 ASW BILL LOVE MEMORIAL GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,581: 3m 110yd) (11 runners)

HAMBURGAP HUMBULE (£4,50T; 3ff) TUYO) (11 (URBERS)

1 0F2P1-1 VASOS Z7 (BLDUFG,S) (M Swith M Pige 7-12-0

2 15-225F PETTY BRIDGE 16 (CDLFG,S) (C Bouston) A Juntas 8-11-2

3 20-1122 SWEET DUKE 27 (BF,G,S) (M Marron) N Twiston-Devins 5-10-15

4 21,0861 ASK MOSS 11 (B,S) (Dube of Artiol) 6 Boulding 7-10-6 (460)

5 415-503 SR CRUSTY 6 (C,FG,S) (M Ant) 0 O'Nelli 10-10-5

6 3113-2 FIVELEGH BRUGE 20 (G,S) (A Control) U Homo 1-10-0

8 3-22110 STAUNCH BRVAL 14 (G,S) (C Humplay) 6 Thomas 5-10-0

9 3145-25 LESSEE 27 (F) (Ms L Cartson) C Widman 7-10-0

10 54/221-6 GPSY DAWN 37 (G,S) (The Humbay) 6 Thomas 5-10-0

10 FP33141- CASTLEBAY LAD 225 (S) (Spitcings Pleaties Lid) J Old 9-10-0

10 page 10 STAULEN BRIDGE 18 (Spitcings Pleaties Lid) J Old 9-10-0

10 page 20 STAULEN BRIDGE 18 (Spitcings Pleaties Lid) J Old 9-10-0

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Long bandicap: Fieldigh Bollids 9-13, Mossgara 9-13, Stausch Real 9-12, Lesbet 9-8, Glosy Deen 9-7, Cassistay Let 8-13.

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DETTRIC: 15-8 Sweet Date, 5-2 Floridge Builds, 7-2 Vagon, 7-1 Ast Moss, 12-1 Massgara, 14-1 others. 1991; SWEET GLOW 4-10-9 D Richmond (8-1) M Pips 10 ap FORM FOCUS

(£5,312: 3m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

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1991: FAR SEMOR 5-11-2 A Tory (4-7 lau) K Balley 4 san

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valuable sponsored chase. Robingo (12.10) and Hawthorn Blaze (1.55) appeal as other likely winners for the champion trainer and Peter Scudamore this afternoon.

However, Vagog, Pipe's runner in the ASW Bill Love Memorial Gold Card Hurdle, may find the concession of two stone to Fiveleigh Builds be-



Nicholson: runs Travelling Wrong at Cheltenham

run out the easy winner of a yond him, even though he won by 20 lengths on his seasonal debut here last month when Sweet Duke was one of those left toiling.

Those who watched Fiveleigh Builds split the in-form pair. Rochestown Lass and Vado Via, first time out at Towester last month could only have been impressed.

Following Country Mem-ber's admirable, victory at Sandown Park last Saturday, Kentish Piper is now napped to win the Vulrory's Clown Handicap Chase at Don-Last time out Kentish Piper

was outstayed by Country Member over three miles at Newbury, having earlier won quite cosily at Stratford over a shorter trio.

Finally, the prospect of heavy going at Hexham should enable Fishki, who loves nothing better than to get her toe into the ground, to win the Pride Of Place Racing Memorabilia Novices' Chase.

Scudamore reaches landmark on impressive Her Honour

By Michael Seely

HER Honour became the new favourite at 20-1 for the Triumph Hurdle after giving Peter Scudamore the 1,600th winner of his 14-year career in the Millingford Novices' Hur-

dle at Haydock yesterday.

Afterwards, Martin Pipe. the winning trainer, presented a magnum of champagne to the eight-times champion jockey on behalf of the racecourse executive.

"It is not a landmark I ever considered," said the jockey. "I never thought I would even get to 1,000 but it would be nice to get to 2.000."

After completing a double on Bighayir, Scudamore finished the day 14 winners behind Richard Dunwoody. who had a blank afternoon. and three behind Peter Niven. successful on Rifle Range. "Fred Winter once said to

me that however much success

you have, you are always hungry for the next winner," Scudamore recalled. "He was right - I want this season's title more than ever."

Her Honour, a strong threeyear-old with scope, was highly impressive as she made every yard of the running before beating In No Doubt by five lengths. The 11-4 on favourite was certainly well bought for £15,501 after winning a claimer at Salisbury in Sentember.

"I was delighted with the way she did it." Pipe said.
"She has got a long way to go but she is far and away my best three-year-old."

Pipe and Scudamore went on to complete a double when Bighayir won the Widnes Claiming Hurdle. But, ironi-cally in view of the manner of Her Honour's acquisition, the stable lost out on this occasion

1.55 YULRORY'S CLOWN HANDICAP CHASE

when Bighayir was claimed for £12,101 to race in Sweden. Charlie Brooks and Graham Bradley were another combination to strike form when landing a 55-1 double with Mere Class and All Jeff.

In the featured Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy. Bradley was seen at his determined best before forcing All Jeff home one and a balf lengths ahead of the favourite, Glenbrook D'Or.

Corals quoted the winner at a far from generous 20-1 for the Welsh National, in which he has been allotted 8st 10lb. "We might run him at Chepstow if the weights go up," Brooks said.

☐ Brownie Crump, wife of the former Middleham trainer. Neville, has died, aged 76. Mrs Crump, a former RAC rally champion, had been seriously ill for some time.

MANDARIN THUNDERER 12.10 Robingo. 12.10 Millador. 12.45 Thumbs Up. 12.45 Thumbs Up. 1.20 Up-A-Point. 1.20 Up-A-Point. 1.55 Hawthorn Blaze. 1.55 Hawthorn Blaze. 2.30 Travelling Wrong. 2.30 Travelling Wrong. 3.05 Aguitifer 3.05 WINDY WAYS (nep). 3.40 Fiveleigh Builds. RICHARD EVANS: 2.30 Travelling Wrong, 3.05 DUNTREE (nap). 3.40 Fiveleigh Builds.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) 12.10 CHARLTON KINGS NOVICES HURDLE

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103	5	FERSAAM 16 (G Grader) A Barrow 11-0 S Burrough	
104	Ū	HOLY WANDERER 14 (Mrs. J Leek) D Arbuthoot 11-0 H Davies	
105		RIDIAN QUEST 58F (J.L. Racing) N Gaseles 11-0	
106		RISH STAMP 76F (P O'Doorell) J Pearce 11-0 A Magnire	
107	22	MRLZIG 41 (Mrs. J. Chisson) D. Bisworth 11-0 P. Holley	
108		PERFORATE SOF (Mrs M Rome) R Bales 11-0	
109	3	ROBBINGO 25 (V) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 11-0	
110	_	STORM RISK 473F (J Tuck) J Tuck 11-0	
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112		AND ME 7 (BF,S) (J Dyson) D Thorn 10-12 D Memby	
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1991; HIDDEN COVE YI-S J Flora (100-80) (Balding & ran FORM FOCUS

BE MY HABITAT best Top Spin 121 in an 8-numer novice hardle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft). MBZD6 441 2nd of 5 to Curtan in a novice hardle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). ROBINGO 2034) 3rd of 15 to Dominant Sansage to a covice husdie here (2m 110yd, heavy). AND ME 2341 2nd of 7 to Tarian Princess in a claiming hardle at Notingham (2m, soft).

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Selection: MILZIG (1899)

12.45 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB MOVICES HURDLE 201 545P-P1 CHEF CELT 20 (5) (Nes J Peoplaith J King 5-11-4 202 0FF-S12 CHOFF MEL 15 (87-5) (Lond Cheban) Miss H Knight 5-11-203 2-17292 EMERALD ROLLET 27 (6) (8 Michaels) J Webber 5-11-204 12/25-12 THOMBES UP 20 (87-5) (M Buddwy) N Handerson 6-11-4 205 32-U1 YORKSHIPE GALE 14 (0.5) (8 Neytor) J Gillord 6-11-4 206 0P BUSHFIRE MOON 92 A PROMISED J GILLOR 6-11-4 A Wabb 98

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1991: MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 7-11-0 P Hollay (1-2 last) D Esmoth 3 am FORM FOCUS

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Selection: THUMBS UP

1.20 JEWSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,240: 2m 110yd) (5 rumers)	_
300 PVI-453 RVS LADY 13 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs A Malde) M Pipe 10-12-0. M Foster 1 302 4/111-45 UP-4-POINT 62 (F.G.S) (M Ledger) P Hobbs 7-10-0. B General CD (F.G.S) (M Ledger) P Hobbs 7-10-0. D Manager	72
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FORM FOCUS FU'S LADY 291 4th of 5 to Freeline Finishing in a handleap chase at Newton Abbat (2m 110yd, good to set); UP-A-POINT 894 4th of 8 to 16 to 16 to 17 to General Merchant in a selling chase at Newton due to 17 to General Merchant in a selling chase at Newton due to 18 to 18 to 18 to 18 to 19 to 1

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town on January 9. The David Nicholson-trained pair head a 16-strong British entry, which also includes Halkopous, Kil-

cash, King Credo and Satin Lover. The Illiad, who landed ☐Mighty Mogul and Baydon Star are among the 51 entries for The Ladbroke at Leopards a gamble in the race two seasons ago, is among the home team, along with Vin-tage Crop and Crowded House.

- **OU** SOULTHAWN HAMPACAR** PROBLEM: 12.510; 2111 | (11 (CHIRS)) ### | **IFFILE** | **IFFILE** | (11 (CHIRS)) ### | **IFFILE** | **IFFILE** | (11 (CHIRS)) ### | **IFFILE** | (12 (CHIRS)) | (13 (CHIRS)) | (13 (CHIRS)) | (14 (CHIRS)) | (14 (CHIRS)) | (14 (CHIRS)) | (14 (CHIRS)) | (15 (C MANDARIN THUNDERER 12,20 Turning Trix. 12.20 Turning Trix. 12.55 Mega Blue. 12,55 Tinas (ad. 1.25 Mr News. 1.25 Mr News. 1.55 KENTISH PIPER (nep). 2.25 Elite Reg. 2.25 Insh Ditty. 3.00 Dublin Fiver. 3.00 Dublin Fiver. FILE CONCORD 334 2nd of 12 to Toping Tim in a novice handicap chase at Ultimater in May 1991 (2m 4, good), GALXXY HIGH best Kamague 81 in a 10-maser atoxice hardle at Deron in March (2m 11, good to 201), MAYTHORN BLAZE 1404 4th of 10 to Fortune And Farre in a novice hardle at Prochestown in April (2m, sort), STATAJACK 11341 Selection: HAWTHORN BLAZE GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) (23,512 5H 11 1 10/90) (10 Hulliels) Ol 4 ASCHARANEY 29 (12,5 (A Cobes) J Upsen 5-11-2 R Supple S02 2073-11 CAMED OT KONSHT 25 (5) (Airs L Deshar) Miss H Knight 6-11-2 P Scartamore 503 1-031U1 MENEBUCK 22 (8) (Lady Sash Chates) Lady Herites 5-11-2 A Magaire 504 11 TRAVELLING WRING 14 (5) (Birg C Harvey) D Nicholson 6-11-2 R Durwoody | 505 PARA-5 CASTONG THE 29 (Six Externate) D Barons 8-10-12 B Hostes 506 P-28722 NOME SO WISS 21 (ELS) (B Scargle) H Millschall 6-10-12 G Upton 507 8297637 RAMADSA 31 (Frod Breises Lidy) D Barons 8-10-12 H Davies 508 216-503 RED RING 34 (S) (G Wisson) J Wishort 5-10-12 W Mariston 509 024794-3 WHISTIZE BLOWER 23 (Airs 6 Micros-Adams) Miss H Knight 7-10-12 S Michael 510 0044 PRODIO POINT 16 (Airs N Dusthick) Miss P Dethald 7-10-7 S Burmough BETTIME: 11-10 Typelling Wings 2-2 Carnellas Knight, 11-2 Additionally, 8-1 None So Wiss, 14-1 Others. ASKONFAPINEY heat Light Venner 11/6 in a 16numer revice classe at Toucester (3m 1f, soft), with CASTING THRE 201 Sh. CASTING THRE 201 (£2,845: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) 3.05 FOOD BROKERS FISHERMAN'S FRIEND HANDICAP BBC2 ___ N Williamson | 2572PY | ENVOPAK TOKEN 6tr (C.F.R.S) (F. Aribur) & Humphrey 11-10-1 | B Powell - 600 3121/2- Verilly WAYS 386 (6) (Ats F. Starrood) N Headlesson 7-10-1 | R Dustroody 85 609 P-PUSF2 INVEENISH 16 (E.S) (R Hall) J Weigher 10-10-0 | W Merston (5) 68 610 15172/ DUNTREE 711 (B.S) (Ats J Mondry D Micholism 7-10-0 | H Dustrian (5) 68 1114-451 VERY VERY ORDINARY 20 (S.S) (Ats W Calury J Upon 6-10-0 | R Supple 88 Lung handkapt Merselish 9-10, Dustree 9-8, Very Very Ordinary 9-1. BETTING: 4-1 Acusting, 5-1 Shusa A Buck, Windy Ways, 5-1 Very Very Ordinary, 7-1 Bossowa, Este Mess, 10-1 Dunitres, 14-1 Messonish, 16-1 Sangress, 20-1 others. 1991: THIPD IN LINE 8-10-3 IN Williamson (7-2) J Edwards 4 can 1.25 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE (£2,007; 2m 110yd) (19 runners) ACCILIFER heat River Tarquin 14 in a 12-miner handicap class at Ponthesione (3m 11, heavy). ESHA NESS heat BOHACEVA (same terms) 11 in a conclusion conclusion as the member of the following profiles class at Winession (3m 15 110yd, good). MY EMBEST 61 2nd of 7 to Fifth Amendment in a handicap class at Winession (3m 15 110yd, good). MY EMBEST 61 2nd of 4 to Cabbring black in a 7-miner handicap class at Heritord (2m 31, heavy). VEHY VEHY (PDDNAFY best Symbol 12 in an 8-miner plant of the state of BBC2 ... W Massion (5) 91 P Scutiamene 91 J Flest 98

1.55 Wigtown Bay The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 WIGTOWN BAY. 12.20 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,428: 2m 4f) (22 runners) 2. 2U SAUCY RIT NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,428: 2m 4f) (22)

1 165/3-1 8ASCOCK BDY 29 (F,S) (The Pessimists) Mrs. 6 Revelay 7-11-4

2 49-313 WAR BEAT 90 (F) (Ales D Baugh 8 Baugh 4-11-4

3 9-2 ELTIC SAGE 22 (Camp) D Sades 5-10-12

4 P DUBLE COUNT 15 (Air. J Mackle) J Mackle B-10-12

5 BY TRUTH 1987 (Mrs. F Mackle) J Longh 4-10-12

MASTER D RES (F C Chinor) F Lee 5-10-12

1 PERCENCE 6F (F Chinor) F Lee 5-10-12

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9 PORCYS PRIOE 9 (M Master) J Bedrards 5-10-12

4 F ROYAL GUY 742 (M Long) D Morris 7-10-12

5 9-333 RUSTIC ART 10 (EF) (Airs B Sey James Fitzgrald 5-10-12

5 1-3 SAD JA REV (A Dopole) & Richards 5-10-12

1 TURNING TRUC 29 (G) M Desire) S Helpost 05-10-12

1 130-20 VISAGA 46 (BF.F) (L Haistenbars) J Bichoston 6-10-12

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1 20-1142 JEST FRANKE 18 (D.F.G) (Lody Susen Watson) Mrs G Reveloy 8-17-18 R Hodge 83
2 119-84 TIMAS LAD 17 (D.F.G.S) (G Johnson) J Edwards 9-11-7 R Parant 87
3 211-982 TOUCHING STAR 20 (D.F.G.) (A Palmer) P Hobbs 7-11-5 M Hourigen 90
4 4915-31 MESA BLUE 18 (D.B.S) (1 Yatso) Mrs V Aconley 7-11-2 C Woods (7) 91
5 01531/P BRIGSS BUILDERS 37 (D.F.G.S) (Alse Notes) M Magarinte 8-10-12 S For (5) —
6 FLS-328 ALAH BALL 15 (B.D.B.F.G.) (A HII) Miss S Wilton 8-10-2 R Davis (3) (8)
7 5115-12 SERRET SIMMAT 37 (V.F.S) (Beanshurd Rockey) A Forbus 6-10-0 T Eley (3) —
9 4059-50 SANDAIG 213 (Nies S Wills) K Balley 6-10-0 D Bridgwester —
10 7033/P ESPERD 17 (Ars. L Vernon Miller) C Vernon Miller 11-10-0 J Palin (5) —

Part benefits Surf Davis 9-10 Server 19-10 (9) 10 Forest benefits 1-10-0 J Palin (5) — Long terndicays: Sty's Delight 9-10, Sandrág 9-10, Espero 9-10.

BETTRICS: 5-2 Maga Baue, 7-2 Just Frankis, 4-1 Times Lad, 11-2 Youthing, Star, 8-1 Alan Ball, 10-1 Secondary, 16-1 Bridge Belickers, Sandrág, 20-1 Spy's Delight, 50-1 Espero.

1991: TROBUTE TO YOUTH 7-10-5 W Manston (5-2 bay D Micholson 6 sm S Taylor (7) 97 P Ward (7) 85 A Carroll —

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(23,611: 2m 3/110yd) (19 numers) 1 24-2084 ARMAGRET 9 (C.F.G.S) (Mrs R Wilkinson) 8 Wilkinson 7-11-10 A Larrach (5) 93 2 1113-72 FLIGHT HALL 17 (BF.G.S) (Mrs R Startey) Mrs G Revelop 8-11-8 P Mrs 93 3 2149-40 POETIC GEBE 24 (F.G.S.) Lawly hards, Mrs S Swith 7-11-8 D Byrns 94 3 349-46 ICARUS 71 (V.F.S) (N Ryd) M H Easterty 6-11-6 L L Wyer 85 5 15-1297 MSSAM 14 (C.B.S) (Arms Duches; of Wietminster) T Forciar 6-11-4 C Liewelyn 85 5 15-1297 MSSAM 14 (C.D.S.S) (N Beil) C Broad 11-11-2 M MON-FAMINER 7 P255-12 ICENTISH PIPER 37 (F.S) (Miss T Perins) N Gazelee 7-11-1 M Pennat 94 8 11/11-96 PICADOR 36 (D.F.S) (M Lockys) P Hobbs 8-10-12 Pater Hobbs 80 9 111-975 SNCHA SYY 32 (F.S) (M Lockys) P Hobbs 6-10-12 R Beltzery 96 10 4162-62 MSDFELDER 22 (BF.F.S) (Boundstram 6) P Hobbs 6-10-12 R Beltzery 96 11 417-924 STRUME (EXPRESS 31 (C.F.) (M Lockys) P Constrough 5-10-7 C Board 90 12 PTR4L-5 THRUME (EXPRESS 31 (C.F.) (M STRUME) J MACKET 7-10-11 C Hearthea 67 12 PTR4L-5 THRUME (EXPRESS 31 (C.F.) (M STRUME) S Shareout 7-10-6 J Lobotem 92 15 P312 MASTER DATS 217 (G.P. Matthews) K Balley 6-10-4 A Tony 86 16 406-231 (MNTA SMART 25 (F.G.)) 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BETTIME: 7-4 Size Reg. 5-1 Show The Flag. 6-1 Delplombo, 8-1 Fish Diby, 10-1 Clean Singer, 12-1 Shaffer. Trighter Prince, 14-1 Ram-M-Sun, 15-1 Featured Victor, The Hely Goller, 20-1 Alles Silver, Byzantine, 33-1 Saby Ashley, Ruber Gambia. 1991: DANCING SENSATION 4-10-5 S J D'Hell (12-1) J Wharlow 11 cae 3.00 MERRYMAN II NOVICES CHASE (£3,240: 3m) (19 runners) 1 4P1-31F HIGH PADRE 10 (D.G.S) (A Budge (Equive) Lt0) Jimmy Fitzgeråti 8-11-3... 6 Bradiey 88 2 004/3PP DARE DAGO 37 (D Energ) R Emery 8-10-12... J A Harris 74 3 115-424 DUBLIN FLYER 13 (E.S) (J Sozone) 7 Forsier 6-10-12... C Liowelyn 98 4 042800 - BEYBLIODE 221 (Miles J Worldwy) C Vermon Miller 8-10-12... W Hunterheys 5 31-4084 LOBRIC 9 (V.F.6) (B Hutchinson) J Jensiers 7-10-12... M Ahem 57 /2444-F. LOTHIAN ADMIRAL 69 (5) (C 8eb) C Nesh 10-10-12..... 7 0040/ MAUREEN'S FANCY S78 (Mrs B Cooney) / Parkes 7-10-12 N Smith 8 220-0P4 MS TAYLOR 15 (F) (H Callopridge) H Collegatolog 7-10-12 V Smith 9 \$106/ HO MORE TRIX 601 (S) (The Boxes Syndicate) T Tate 6-10-12 G McCount 10 10-0 (SMISS 22 (F) (M Meltersh) D Marry Smith 6-10-12 J White 11 1/F411-5 POLLAR RESION 36 (RF/FG) (C Memer) Jisomy Florgeaid 6-10-12 D Byrne 12 0-16053 THE LIGHTER SDC 9 (F, 56) (D Davies) M Charles 6-10-12 Janly Davies (7) 73 14 (SS022- URIZEN 247 (G.S) (Mrs P Hattley) J Eswards 7-10-12 D Togg (S) 15 3425-FF WESTWELL BOY 15 (G) (D Yeadon) P Beymment 6-10-12 A Oddawy 16 DROMAN MST (P Allecold) J Marties 7-10-10 A Oddawy 17 354-342 RIOWAN 24 (S) (T Barn K Morgan 5-70-10 A D Hess 19 0/1559 W0001-MST (P Allecold) J Marties 7-10-10 A S Smith 66 18 4P133/ MRSS TIMBERT TOPPER 1071 (F) (B Riley & Son Ling Mrs V Aconthly B-10-7 C Grant 19 0/1559 W0001-MSD (T MRS T MARKET TOP) A 1 Ridwan, 5-1 Urizen, 8-1 Pother Rigion, 14-1 Osmocies, Rubins Boy, 16-1 Woodland Flower, 20-1 Liohric, Miss Timber Topper, 25-1 Dromin Mist, The Lighter Side, 33-1 others. 1991: SALAMANDER JOE 6-11-3 R Dunwoody (1-4 lay) D Micholson 4 res 3.30 JULIET FILLIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,470: 2m 110yd) (17 runners) 70: 2m 110yd) (17 runners) 1-3 graef a Bizz 16 (8F,6) (0 Bereson) M Pipe 4-11-7 1 WILD BRAMBLE 16 (8) (1 Memagh) Mrs 6 Reveloy 4-11-7 0 ARTIC WINES 20 (Lah) Anne Bentanch (0 Bereson 4-11-0... 0- ATTYRE 239 (1 Dahm) J Dahne S-11-0... BAROMESS BELLE (5 Stocker) R Hodges 6-11-0... 2- DELISHTFEL MISS 304 (N Whele) H Weeb 5-11-0... 0 DOVEDON PRINCESS 212 (M Whatley) J Besteck 5-11-0... 0 DOVEDON PRINCESS 212 (M Whatley) J Besteck 5-11-0... HAMBY VENTIAE (R Bestell) B Retixed 4-11-0... HAMBY VENTIAE (R Bestell) B Retixed 4-11-0... HESH PERFORME (P Accritis) Mrs V Accritisy 4-11-0... LUTY ALYS (Max W Ponimon-Beyon) R Hodges 4-11-0... MESS BROWN (4 Orea) E Once in 4-1-0... MESS BROWN (4 Orea) E Once in 4-1-0... MESS BROWN (4 Orea) E Once in 4-1-0... D RACE TO THE PRIYTHM 328 (Face Transmission Ltd.) J Edne

Haydock Park TICLY CLUCK FIGUR Going: soft with heavy patches 12-50 (2m indis) 1. HER HONOUR (P Scudamora, 4-11 isn); 2. In No Boutst (A Dobbin, 12-1), 3. Personal Hezard (F Gentity, 18-11, ALSO RAN, 15-2 Sweet Noble (Sth), 19-Freschier (5th), 18-Suez Carral (4th), Inan, 20 The Tean Ghost, Stackhouse Boy, 33 Birront, Marowins, 50 Erlenn, 88 Barga, Birmpen Disco, 14 Fan, NR Major's Law. 5, 10, 19-2, 1, 39-1, M Poe at Wellington, Tote: C1-40; C1-30, 52-80, 28-40, DF: C7-30, CSF: 28-53 98.53 1.20 (2m 41 cm) 1. MERE CLASS (G Bradley, 7-1); 2, Vain Prince (G McCourt, 11-4); 3. Mass Shaw (C Grant, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-13 tev Bishops Island (f), 8 Rejoinus (f), 25 Oki Redwood (4th), 100 Belliminster (f), 25 nan, 101, dist, dist. C Brooks at Upper Lambourn, Total: £10.20; £3.50, £1.40, DF: £11.50, CSF: £26.52

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1.50 (4m 110yd ch) 1, ALL JEFF (G Bradley, 6-1); 2, Glenbrack D'Or (I. Harvey, 7-4 tay); 3, Four Thir (R Durwocky, 11-4). ALSO RAA: 3 Pacu's Boy (Str), 12 Planty Crack (pu), 18 Off The Bu (4th), 6 mm, 114, 20; hd; 30; C Brooks at Upper Lamboum. Tote: 95.70; 92.10, £1.70. DF: £7.50. CSF: £16.68.

216.68.
2.20 (2m 4! hole) 1, BIGHAYIR (P Scuciamore, 1.2 fax); 2. Tesoldoursderim (Diane Clay, 20-1); 3, As D'Eboli (W Dwan, 6-1). ALSO RAN; 7 Sendiord Spiritge (4th), Valart Warfor (8th), 14 Subarts Son (8th), 50 Nelson's Lass (ut), 7 san, 314, 11, 5, 7, 8, M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: \$7.40, \$7.20, CP; 21.50, 0.50 (27.40, pr. 27.70, CSP; 21.53). E/AU, UP: 127:30, CSF: £11.53, 2.50 (2m 4/ ch) 1, RIFLE RANGE (P Niven, 9-5 lan; 2, Roscote Harvey (G Bractiey, 7-1); 3, Interfor Lib (Mr J Bractiume, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 The Antarsax (4th), 11-2 Sto-ping Tro (pu), 5 ran, 7, rk, dat. J J O'Near are Provint, Tota: £2.00; £1.40, £2.50, DF: £4.90, CSF: £8.85.

64.90. CSF: £3.95.
3.20 (2m 61 hole) 1. LO STREGONE (G McCourt, B-16 law; Mandarin & Richard Events's nap & Handicapper's top rating); 2. Sheridad (R Dunecody, 6-1); 3. Markdad (P Neen, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 trion Castle (4th), 20 Run Milady (byl, 33 Relicion), Shrining At (byl), Erosine Swan (6th), 50 Zeus (8th), 8 rat. NR: Louis Farrat, 8, 10, 7, 15, 8t. T Tate at Tacksster. Tota: 51.50; \$1.10, £1.40, £3.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: \$4.78. Placepot: £17.90. Taunton Going: good to soft

12.40 (2m 1f.hdie) 1, Amtrak Spress (J Kovenegh, 3-1); 2, Kelling (3-1); 3, The Minder (20-1), Most Rich 5-2 fav. 12 fan. NR: Chendigath, Kouloura. 1½1, 101. N

— uccutation sp in the pound.

1.10 (2m fi hole) 1, Tudor Da Semba (J. Lower, 7-2); 2, Dragon Spirit (16-1); 3, Miss Marigold (14-1). Daily Sport Girl 10-3 few. 15 ran. NRt. Singing Reply, 51, 34. M Pipe. Tote: \$2.80; £1.50, £1.70, £2.60. DF: \$22.00. CSF: \$55.05. No bid. 252.00. CSF: 254.05. No bid.

1.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Kittinger (Peter Hobbe, 5-1): 2. Propersood (11-2): 3. Smartie Express (5-1), Whete Your Problem 9-2 tav. 11 ran. NFt. My Cup Of Test. 4, nk. P. Hobbe. Tota: 54.40; £1.50, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £3.02. Tricest: £130.27. 2.10 (Sm 110yd hdie) 1, Boscean Chiefridin (M.A.Fitzpersid: 13-2); 2, Passed Pawn (5-1); 3. Jackon (5-1); Boyand Our Resch 11-4 tav. 14 ran. 4, 81. Mass. J Retist. Tote: £1.190; £2.90, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £45.10. CSF: £39.52. Tricest: £280.53. CSF: 539.52. Indext: 220u.53.
2.40 (3m ch) 1, Lucky Villain (J Kevensgh, 6-1); 2, Carrickroseddy (33-1); 3, Trevall Temporatre (33-1). Powder Boy 3-1 tax, 12 rah, 11, 12. N Henderson, Tote: 52.30; 22.80, 99.70, 510.20. DF: 5432.20. CSF: 5150.31. Trigast: 25.326.96. After a stewards enquiry result stood. RICE STOLIN TERM TOOCL
3.10 (3m 110/r) hile) 1, Special Account
(A Maguin, 7-1); 2, Alio George (50-1); 3,
Happy Hone (5-1), Lish Cuf 2-1 fev. 14
ret. 10, 2, C Beneal, Total: 27-70; 53.60,
29.50, \$2.60, DF, \$788.60, CSF; \$259.23,
76/csct \$1,775.95.
3.40 (2m 18 1) Electricity (7 Georgia

Piecepot: \$1,918.20.

Henderson, Total \$3.00; \$1.10, \$1.40, \$4.10. DF: \$5.00. CSF: \$10.37. Kouloura (12:1) was deemed not to have started, states refunded, nile 4 applies to all bets — deduction 5p in the pound.

Titicest: £1,767.59.

3.40 (2m th) 1, River Island (T Gorntham, 10-1); 2, Cabochon (8-1); 3, Emerald Storm (5-4 fau), 13 nan, NR; Jarzon Dancer, 31, 101, 2 Oct. Totar £1,20; £2,70, £2,20, £1,40, DF: £500.50, CSF; £83,54. CSF: £10.76. 3:30 (5) 1, Indian Endeavour (M HBs, 4-1 tas): 2, Hinari Video (16-1): 3, Arc Lamp (11-2): 4, Lincatone Boy (14-1), 17 ren. Sh hd, 15L R Guest, 10te: £3.80; £1.60, £3.00, £1.80, £2.50. DF. £36.40. CSF: £71.11

Southwell Going: standard
12.30 (gi) 1, Girl Next Door (S Wood, 3-1
fas); 2, Cornet Whitpool (17-2); 3, Missed
The Boet (12-1), 8 ran, NFt. Broadstaire
Beauty, 8, sh hd. J Pickering, Tote; 23.70;
21.50, 22.20, 22.90, DF: \$42.30, CSF:
25.55, Tricast: 2240.40,
1.00 (1m 4f) 1, Thunderbird One (Alex
Creaves, 5-1); 2, Sweet Revivel (12-1); 3,
ton Baron (7-2), Karamoja Evens tev. 10
ran, 2), 51, Denny Smith, Tote; 57.20;
21.70, \$2.00, \$1.10, DF: \$26.40, CSF;
\$58.59,
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1.30 (1m) 1, East Burns (Alex Grazves, 9-2; 2, Claudia Miss (17-2; 3, Lock Keeper (6-4 bar). 14 ren. Ms. 11. T Barron. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £2.00, £1.70, DF: £24.90. CSF; £41.22. Titose: £100.08.
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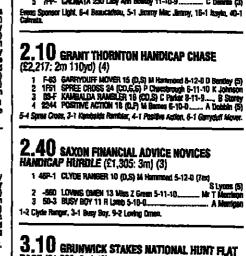
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Uefa may rethink cup format after Milan dominance

BY STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AC MILAN in imposing a stranglehold on group B in the Champions League are deadening the interest in the final

stages of the European Cup.
So crushing is their superiority that Uefa is already considering changing the for-mat which was introduced

only last season.
Uefa resisting attempts to turn the whole tournament into a league, decided to compromise. It was agreed that the last eight clubs would be divided into two groups and play against each other at home and away. The winners of each group qualify for the

The scheme, though lucrative enough to satisfy the greed of Europe's elite, was flawed. "We could see there might be a problem if one club was much stronger than the others in the group." a Uefa spokes-man said after Rangers had beaten CSKA Moscow in

Milan, predictably, have realised that fear. They have already overwhelmed 4-0 their closest pursuers, Gothenburg, and effectively reduced the rest of the fixtures in group B to an exercise in competing merely for money (each point is worth £220,000) rather than the

ultimate prize. The players themseives do not receive the financial rewards. The only benefits to be gained by CSKA Moscow, for example, is a new team bus and an excursion to Costa

and now an extended visit to

manner as the Russians, who appeared to accept that they were already out of the tournament. They seemed to be playing instead for their own individual futures with clubs outside their own country.

Crowds are likely to dwindle. Once Milan have officially secured their place in the final on May 26, as soon they doubtless will, even their own supporters would be less than enchanted by occasions so devalued as to be virtually

The most obvious solution would be to stage semi-finals at the end of the round robin series. If the runners-up in group B were to meet the winners of group A, for instance, Milan's rivals would not now be chasing an appar-

Yet fitting the semi-finals into a European programme which is threatening to be-come excessively crowded poses another difficulty. The Uefa spokesman revealed that next season's Uefa Cup will feature no fewer than 96 entrants and the tournament will have to open in

Although England's two qualifiers will be seeded, they can expect to be involved almost as soon as the curtain is raised on the domestic season the following month. betwee The timing of the European seilles.

greater incentives, they might perform in the same lethargic

Cup may also have to be brought forward if semi-finals are to be accommodated. Uefa would be rejuctant to hold them in the last month of The governing body would prefer not to interfere with the

> Cup-Winners' Cup and the Uefa Cup and so further diminish their stature. Had Marseilles not yielded a two-goal lead to Rangers, whom they outclassed at Ibrox a fortnight ago, the outcome of group A would appear to be a

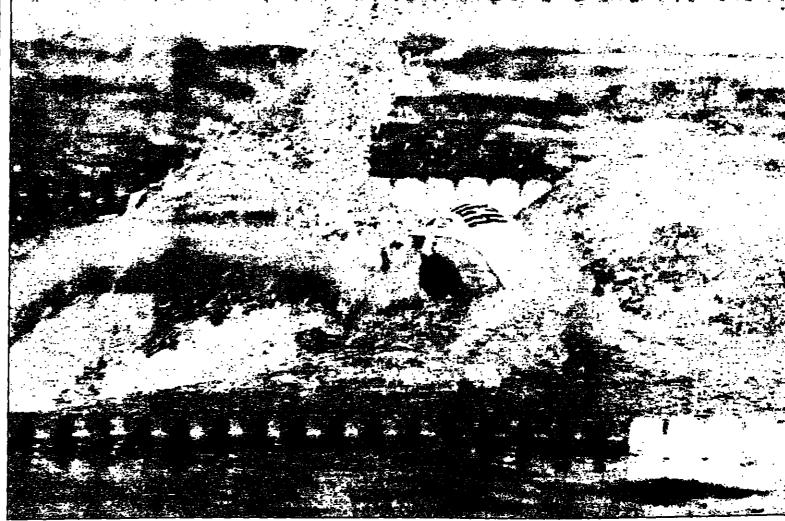
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The French champions, who maintained a 3-0 lead built within half an hour against Bruges on Wednes-day, are clear favourites to finish at the top.

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Rangers, narrow winners over the apathetic Russian champions, are in contention and their next two ties promise to be crucial. Only if they take three points off Bruges at home and away in March, can they realistically expect to be able to surpass Mar-seilles, their hosts on April 7.

Uefa will not announce the venue of the European Cup final for another three months. It is significant, though, that one arena already mentioned as being potentially suitable is the Olympic Stadium in Munich. Capable of housing 73,000 spectators, it is equidistant between Milan and Mar-



Strong-arm tactic: Karen Pickering on her way to a convincing victory in the 100 metres freestyle in Sheffield yesterday

Robins and Baker power to British records

By CRAIG LORD

A MORNING of great promise at the Optrex national short-course championships in Sheffield gave way to an afternoon that came too soon for some in which, but for the starter, there might have been four British records. In the event, there were

two, one for Grant Robins -4min 16.63sec in the 400 metres medley - the other for Zoe Baker, whose 31.66sec in the 50 metres breaststroke was 0.5sec faster than the

record of Lorraine Coombes. who was second yesterday. Neither Baker nor Robins made the Olympic team in

"A 4:35 today and an Olympic swim would have been better than a 4:16 and shaved 0.1 sec off the standard he set three years ago. said. "But then this helps at least people are patting me on the back again instead of

fate yesterday as the winners

in five of the eight races, a lack of competition. The gap between the victor and the seven vanquished was so great as to render the word appropriate only to the mi-

Where Robins endured a lonely battle against the clock and finished five metres ahead of the pack, Karen Pickering and Mark Foster, the two most notable victims of the starter, had even less

Pickering had clocked 55.56sec in the heats of the

give more consideration to 100 metres freestyle, only 0.4sec slower than June Croft's 10-year-old record. Hopes were high for the final, but the starter caused hesitation. Nevertheless. Pickering's winning time of 55.44sec was her best and secured the first of five titles she is defending.

Pickering also complained that the rest period between heats and finals was too short. At the weekend, the finals start early to cater for television coverage, but Pick-ering said organisers should

the wishes of swimmers on the first two days of the championships. However, Paul Bush, director for England, said coaches had requested consistency where session start times were

For Foster, a poor start partly explained his 24.13sec in the 50 metres butterfly: fast, but 0.3 sec shy of the world record and 0.2 sec from his Commonwealth best.

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Palace propose expansion

By PETER BALL

CRYSTAL Palace have put forward a proposal to expand the Premier League by bringing the Football League first division clubs into the fold. The 22 Premier League clubs will be asked to discuss doubling the league's size at their

meeting next Wednesday. With the formation of the Premier League having broken the mould, proposals for new leagues seem to be all the rage. Adding a second division to the Premier League, however, has little more chance of success than the fanciful idea of a European clubs, who led the breakaway

ENGLISH supporters have criticised the FA over last

summer's European champ-

ionship finals, calling them "disorganised," "discredited"

A 25.000-word report by

the Football Supporters Asso-

ciation (FSA) is also highly

critical of the government

and "dishonest".

Super League, which received another airing last weekend. Each has its advocates but old conflicts revived.

would run into several secious obstacles, including the opposition of the game's governing bodies. The Football Association council insisted that they would not sanction a second division as recently as October.

More pertinently, any such move would exacerbate the Premier League's damaging internal divisions between the biggest clubs and the rest. Any

expansion would meet implacable resistance from the big FA criticised by fans

> package tours. "These were an under-subscribed disaster and the FA sold match tickets in Sweden - something they had consistently said they would not do." The FSA wants an overhaul of arrangements before the

guaranteeing match tickets was to enrol on FA-approved

regarding ticket and travel 1994 World Cup finals, asrestrictions, which created a suming that Graham Taylor's "catalogue of chaos". team qualifies, and an end to The FA, says the report, measures that "generally deter tried to cajole supporters into believing that the only way of nationalistic young males".

from the Football League and have no desire to risk seeing

The smaller clubs are far from convinced. "If the big clubs are prepared to look at it. then it would be worth looking at," Ian Stott, the Oldham Athletic chairman, said. "But there are an awful lot of imponderables.

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, has argued that the move would make restructuring of the Premier League easier. There are also suggestions that it would pave the way for a rationalisation of television coverage of football, which will exceed 100 live matches this season.

It is also hard to see what incentives the Premier League could offer the first division, apart from status. Noades has proposed that they would receive ten per cent of the Premier League income but

no voting rights.
Financially, the first division clubs are better off than they were before the breakaway. One Premier League chairman said: "If Palace get relegated this year, I can't see Mr Noades accepting that he won't have a say in all the decisions affecting his club."

RUGBY UNION

on referees panel By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) has named an international referees panel that does not include Clive Norling. The panel announced last night includes two newcomers. Gareth Simmonds and Robert Yeman, who join Derek Bevan for the coming season.

Notling, who has officiated in 25 internationals, more than anyone else, has taken over as director of rugby at Bridgend, and will decide at the end of this season whether a back injury will allow him to

resume refereeing. Not since 1975 has the WRU made two changes in one season. Notling's absence and the retirement of Les Peard has meant advancement for Simmonds, of Cardiff, who handled England's game with Canada in Octo-ber, and Yeman, of Port Talbot, who has been on the fringe of the panel for several

Meanwhile, Saracens, who

FOR the first time in 14 years have lost two talented No. 8s. Dean Ryan and Ben Clarke, in recent seasons, will keep an eye on a third, Eric Peters, who captained Cambridge to success in the University match this week. Peters yesterday was named in a 48-strong England Students training squad to meet at Bisham

Abbey on January 1 to 3. Peters, 24 next month, has been a playing member at Saracens for the last four years but commitments at Loughborough and Cambridge have prevented him playing a league match. He has yet to speak to Saracens about his availability in the new year but his performance at Twickenham will not have gone unnoticed by other clubs in the first division.

The training squad includes his Cambridge back-row colleagues, Rory Jenkins and Max Duthie, and Phil Callow, the young tight-head prop. as well as the Oxford full back. Michael Joy.

MOTOR RACING

Wales ring changes | French grand prix scrapped

By Our Sports Staff

FISA, the international motor sports federation, has decided to scratch the French grand prix from the 1993 Formula One programme because of tough new anti-tobacco laws

At its end-of-year meeting yesterday, Fisa's world motor council decided to run only 15 races. The French race had been set for July 4 at the Magny-Cours circuit.

Max Mosley, the Fisa president, said that the French auto sports federation could not guarantee that cars and equipment bearing cigarette logos would not be seized by courts enforcing the ban on tobacco advertising. The French law bans all forms of cigarette advertising - a leading source of revenue for motor racing.

"The French Federation could not give us the guarantees to freely circulate the cars. in France, "Mosley said. "We needed to take a decision rapidly because it was already late to publish the calendar." A court in Quimper, western France, fined the British-based Williams team £3.5 million under an old antitobacco law for displaying Camel logos in a broadcast televised from the Australian grand prix in Adelaide. "We find it strange that an

English team taking part in a race in Australia should be fined by a French court," Mosley said. "There is a risk that other teams could be fined for

taking part in other races. When they bring their cars into France, they could be seized. We feel this is wrong. It's a risk we can't take." The restrictions will get

worse next year, when a new French law stopping all forms of cigarette advertising comes into effect on January 1.

In November, Mosley asked the French federation to guarantee that no cars or equipment would be threatened with seizure for a race run on French territory. But Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the French racing federation, said he could not guarantee that cars subject to court rulings in France would not be

"I'm very disappointed about the French grand prix." Frank Williams, owner of the Williams team, said. "However, it's still six months until the grand prix and I'm hopeful something can be rescued."

Mosley said there was a slight chance that a French race could be held in another country where anti-tohacco measures are less stringent. The French federation would have to apply to stage it elsewhere and the motor council would have to approve.

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The Scuderia Italia team has been fined \$1 million (about £650,000) and excluded from three championship races for using illegal fuel at the Australian grand prix. The penalties have been suspended for two years.

SQUASH

Players threaten boycott

EIGHT of England's top ten men have withdrawn their entries from next month's national championships and have informed the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) that unless the title is returned to full "British closed" status, with at least a doubling of the £10,000 prize fund and with the final stages on a transparent show court, they will boycott the event.

The SRA announced last month that their failure to

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secure sponsorship for the event would necessitate a prize fund cut, and play on the club courts of the Village Leisure Hotel in Cheadle, Manchester. It would be a strict

"English closed".
Peter Marshall, Chris Walker, Simon Parke, Phil
Whitlock, Tony Hands, Jason Nicolle. Stephen Meads and Del Harris wrote to Julie Goodacre, the tournament manager, who said yesterday that entries close today.

FOOTBALL

Premier League Middlesbrough v Chelsee (7.45) Barclays League Second division

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OTHER SPORT

Leaders go round halfway

John Chittenden and his Nuclear Electric crew successfully reached the halfway mark on the second stage of the British Steel Challenge round-the-world yacht race yesterday, 76 miles ahead of their closest rivals on Commercial Union.

Both crews have been forced to tack northwards towards the navigation way point 2,000 miles west of Cape Horn that each must round before heading on to Hobart. Tasmania. LEADING POSITIONS (# 15:00 GMT

LEADING POSITIONS (at 15:00 GMT vesterday with miles to Hobert, 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chitaendari), 3,690 miles; 2, Commercial Linion (R Merriweather), 3,765; 3, British Steel if (R Tudori), 3,805; 4, Heath Insured (A Donoven), 3,817; 5, Pride of Tescelde (I MacGillinray), 3,857; 6, Hotzmau Laper (P Gosal, 3,863; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,904; 8, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,965; 9, Intrespray (P Jeffes), 4,214; 10, Finone-Poulenc (P Prillips), 4,441.

☐ The Tutukaka South Pacific Yacht Club yesterday became New Zealand's second challenger for the 1995 Amer-

GB pair picked

Hockey: Two of the Great Britain Olympic squad, Don Williams and the goalkeeper, David Luckes, were yesterday selected in the England team for the Indira Gandhi tournsment in Bombay next month. SCILAD: D Luckee (East Grinsteed), S Mason (Prebrands), W Waugh (Southgate), A Humphrey (Methon), J Wyeth (Reading), F Davis (St Albars), J Hauck (Teddington), P Gibbins (St Albers), Amarit Degun (Berford Tigers), P McGuine (Teddington), R Cautchley (Hourslow), D Williams (Havard, C Mayer (Caryods), Kalbir Talber (Cannods), P Mail (Havard, Jasbinder Chans (Cennods).

Davies trails

Golf: Laura Davies scored 77 to finish eight shots behind the leaders. Jennifer Wyatt, of Canada, the defending cham-pion, Shani Waugh, of Austra-lia, and Alicia Dibos, of Peru, after the first round of the Australian women's open in

Whitakers' deal

Equestrianism: John, Michael and Veronique Whitaker have signed a three-year sponsorship agreement with Everest, the home improvement company, to start from the Olympia show jumping championships next week.

Gonzales injured

Rugby union: Jean-Michel Gonzales, the Bayonne hooker, yesterday withdrew from the France squad for the opening five nations' championship match against England on January 15.

Kitt sets pace

Skiing: A. J. Kitt, of the United States, recorded the fastest time in the second practice for the downhills to be held in Val Gardena today and tomor-

FOOTBALL

Chelsea may move up to second

CHELSEA, with only one defeat in their past ten games, travel to Middlesbrough tonight for a Premier League game in which a win will see them go second in the table.
It will be the third different

day in three successive weekends that they have taken the field. A formight ago, on a Sunday, they beat the champions, Leeds United, in front of the live satellite television cameras, last Saturday they defeated Tottenham at White Hart Lane - and tonight is BSkyB's first Friday live transmission of a Premier League

Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, said: "We have now-

"Most footballers prefer to

work towards a Saturday after-

noon game, but if we get the same result as the last two weekends, it will be worth it. ting results." The game will be a rehears-al for the FA Cup third-round meeting between the two sides, scheduled to take place

WEDNESDAMS LATERESULTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Group A: CSKA Moscow D, Renges 1 for Bochum, Germenyl; Manseiles 3, FC Bruges D, Group B: FK Gothenburg 1, FC Pono (Por) D; Philips SV (Hotl) 1, AC Mitan 2 FA CUP: Second round: Plymouth Argyle 3, Peterborough United 2: VS Rugby 0. COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round; Stack-burn Rovers 6, Watford 1.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Bradford Cay 0, Huddersteld Town 0: Brighton 3, Bournemouth 2; Northampton Town 2, Bernet 1. GM VALXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston 3, Macclesfield 1.

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Newcastle 0, Liverpool 4; Roth-erham 3, Notis County 3; Botton 0, Wolves 1. Notingham Forest 5, Bernsley 1. Sebond division: Eventon 3, Middlesbrough 1; West Bromeich 2, Wigan 0; Oktham 2, Mansfeld 0; Bischpool 2, Preson 0; Huddersfeld 2, Southorpe 2, York 0, Hull 0.

We've got to forget all about it and just concentrate on get-

at Ayresome Park on Sunday, January 3. Ayresome is a ground that

has not been a happy one for Chelsea in the past - their last

christon: Charlton Q, Chelses 2; Southampton Q, Chelses 2; Southampton Q, Ipswich 2; Wimbledon 1, West Ham 0. Second division: Torquey 0, Birminghem 2; Belteri Roses 2; Bournamoush 0; Chelsentem 3; Plymoush 3; Yeovil 3, Exeter 4. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Southpon 2. Colwyn Bey (Y, Harwich 2, Winsland (), Postponed: Accrington Stanley v Charley GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Twenton 8, Dawish Q

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visit saw them lose 2-0 in May 1988 in the play-offs, a defeat which condemned them to

The only survivor in the Chelsea side from that game is likely to be the goalkeeper. Kevin Hitchcock. Of more concern to Porterfield is the problems he may have with his forward

Harford, is serving the second match of a three-game ban and now there is a doubt about Robert Fleck The Scotland striker went off injured at Tottenham, only resuming light training yester-day. Fleck will fly up with the rest of the squad today and a

line. The leading scorer, Mick

late decision will be made on his fitness, though Porterfield is hopeful. Middlesbrough, who last week triumphed over Black-burn thanks to a John Hendrie hat-trick could be

without five players. Alan Kernaghan, the captain, will be out of action with a stress fracture until mid-January and the Republic of Ireland internationals, Chris Morris and Bernie Slaven. plus the midfield players. Willie Falconer and Robbie

Musice, are having treatment. Lawrence said: "We regained our pride with that win over Blackburn. If we repeat those standards we could beat

SNOOKER

Davis clears the way for victory stroll

STEVE Davis, attempting to win his first title for 11 months, set a record when he compiled three total clearances in a single session to lead Martin Clark 5-3 in their best-of-17 frame Cualite World Match Play semi-final at the Dome, Doneaster, vesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Davis appeared in poor form when he trailed 3-1 midway through the afternoon's play. A complete transformation then occurred as Davis initiated his rectivery with a magnificent 141 total clearance in the fifth frame.

Clark poned only one red in the sixth frame and then watched as Davis constructed positionally perfect runs of 123 and 135 in the closing two frames of a remarkable session. During the sequence, he second 309 points without

Davis, runner-up to Gary Wilkinson in the March Play last year, was left requiring four of the remaining nine frames on the resumption to reach the final, where he will meet either Alan McManus, of Scotland, or James Wanana, of Thailand, who

play today. SCORE: Semi-linux S Dave (First Warth N) Clark (Eng), 5-3 BBC1

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9.45 Ross King. Celebrity game show (s) (8931782)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (3770188) 10.05 Playdays. Fun for under-fives (r) (s) (9379121)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick. Owen are joined by Eve Poliard, editor of the Sunday Express (s). Including at 11.00 and 12.00 News, regional news and weather (48839256) 12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh meets the 1970s one group Boney M. whose hits Included "Ma Baker" (s) (8647140) pop group Boney M, whose hits Included "Ma Baker" (s) (8647140) 12.55 Regional news and weather (65788898)

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (50492)
1.30 Nelghbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21129256)
1.50 Eldorado. Wednesday evening's episode. (Ceefax) (s) (37469411)
2.20 Goling for Gold. More semi-finalists compete in the European quiz

hosted by Henry Kelly (s) (99223508)

2.45 The Flying Doctors: Bitter Harvest. Undernanding Australian medical drama. Chris Randall (Liz Burch) investigates a case of attempted murder and suicide (1410986)

3.30 Daffy Duck Double-Bill. Carloon artics with Wise Quacking Duck

and Yankee Doodle Daffy (5238188)
3.45 Children's BBC: Bump (r) (6939188) 3.50 Christopher Crocodile (9318607) 3.55 Superbods. The series on the human hody examines the voice (5217695) 4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (s) (8808411) 4.35 Record Breakers. Last in the series. (Ceefax) (s) (5972411) 5.00 Newsround (2661411) 5.10 Byker Grove. Drama series set in a youth club. (Ceefax) (8321237) in Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (991817). Northern Ireland: Inside

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7.00 Eldorado. Drama on the Costa del Sol. (Ceefax) (s) (9169)
7.30 Don't Wait Up. Amiable comedy series about tather and son doctors. Toby (Tony Britton) is feeling lonely in his luxury flat (r). (Ceefax) (s) (782). Northern Ireland: Sponscene
8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rentzen and Mike Smith present the second of three programmes celebrating acts of kindness and courage, with the help of the Duchess of Kent, Robert Kirroy-Silk, John Fashanu and the Spurs football tearn. (Ceefax) (s) (2035)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1508)

9.30 Film: The FBI Murders (1988). Powerful TV movie starring David Soul and Michael Gross as murderers, in the true story of events in 1986 which culminated in one of the FBI's most violent shoot-outs. Directed by Dick Lowry (345362). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box (209508); 10.20-11.50 Film: The FBI Murders (5946614)

11.05 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Among tonight's guests is the rock singer Rod Stewart who sings his latest single (188121)
11.45 Film: Stones for Iberra (1987). Sensitive drama, based on the book by Harriett Doerr, starring Glenn Close and Keith Carradine as a couple who give up their comfortable existence in San Francisco to eke out a living in a Mexican village. Directed by Jack Gold (238053). Northern Ireland: 11.50 Terry Wogan's Friday Night (715324); 130am-1.55 Film: The Two Faces of Dr Jelyfi (5449812) is no Weether (3850357). 1.25am Weather (3650367)



Gravel-voiced: Rod Stewart sings his new single (11.05pm)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5292324) 8.15 Westminster (5381411) 9.00 Through the Garden Gate (r) (6816169)
9.25 Film: Juarez (1939, b/w). Heavy-going historical drama starring Paul Muni as the revolutionary Juarez who overthrows the Mexican emperor Maximilian. Directed by William Dieterie (24478072)



Men of the west: Marvin, Stewart and Wayne (11.20am)

11.20 Film: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1982, b/w) CHOICE: John Ford's late western rounds up two of his favourite actors, James Stewart and the indispensable John Wayne, casts Lee Marvin as the gunman of the title and draws on several familiar faces of the Ford stock company. It is a long, slightly rembling film, much of it shot against perfunctory studio backdrops, but it is carried by the relaxed professionalism of its veteran stars and the force of its underlying theme: when the legend becomes fact, print the legend. Told in flashback, the film charts the arrival in Shinbone of Stawart's greenhorn lawyer, his rivalry with rancher Wayne for the hand of Vera Miles and his attempt to overcome the menacing Liberty Valance. Wayne represents the old west and Stewart the new and as the wilderness is tamed, Stewart takes ironic credit for the triumph of traditional values (94733188) 1.20 Tales of Assop: The Bear and the Travellers (r) (11509324)

1.30 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Cartoon (r) (21589430) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace: End of Empire — Africa. Magnus

Magnusson recalls life in the post-war years (37480904)
2.00 News and weather (89257985) followed by Michael Barry's

Choice Cuts. Christmas puddings (19507850)

2.15 Sport on Friday. Helen Rollason introduces Horse Racing from Cheftenham. 2.30 Allied Dunbar Novices Steeplechase; 3.05 Food Brokers Fisherman's Friend Steeplechase; 3.40 ASW Bill Love

Brokers Fisherman's Friend Steeplechase; 3.40 ASW Bit Love Memorial Gold Card Hurdle Handicap; Swimming: the Winter Championship from Ponds Forge, Sheffield (689169)
4.00 Catchword. Word game hosted by Paul Coia (s) (411)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Alan Bleasdale talks to Shyama Perera about his play, On the Ledge, which opens in the new year (s) (695)
5.00 Della Smith's Christmas. Vegetarian recipes and simple puddings (r). (Ceefax) (3575) 5.30 Top Gear (r) (s) (275)
6.00 Stingray. Puppet series from the 1960s (726966)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Spy romp (r). (Ceefax) (789091)
7.15 Dr Whot The Daemons. The fourth of a five-part story (r) (650879)
7.40 What the Papers Say. A review of the week's press (446899)
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. An appeal by John Cleese (729833)
8.00 Public Eye: In Search of Safety. David Lomax reports on refugees seeking asylum in Britain (6459)
8.30 The Living Garden. The important role of worms. (Ceefax) (5966)
9.00 The Face of Tutantkharmun: The Pharoah Awakes

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 Were Lord Camarvon and seven others who died not long after ting the pharoah's tomb the victim of a curse? The movies certainly thought so, hence a long line of horror classics which stretched well into the Hammer era. And it it wasn't a curse why did

Cairo's electricity supply fail just as Carnarvon was breathing his last? Presenter Christopher Frayling is not one to spoil a good story but he scrupulously balances such fancies with more mundane explanations, such as a shortage of oxygen in sealed tombs or the propensity of mummles to absorb radiation. Talking of mummles, Fraying visits Salt Lake City, where people can order their own form of immortality complete with personalised sarcophagus. As Fraying has remarked before, when Howard Carter found King Tut he could not have known what he had started (464072)

9.50 Stater Wendy's Odyssey. Sister Wendy Beckett studies the art treasures in Wilton House near Salisbury. (Ceefax) (915148)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Desyton hosts the satirical news quiz. Team capitains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are Joined by Peter

cook and Douglas Adams (s) (87985) 10.30 Newsnight (405140) 11.15 Prisoners of Conscience (f) (867701) 11.20 Weather (864614) 11.25 Film: Montparnasse 19 (1958, b/w). French drama, with English subtitles, starring Gérard Philipe as the painter Modigliani. With Lilli Pairner and Anouk Airnée. Directed by Jacques Becker (364782) 1.10am Behind the Headilines (as 4.30pm) (s) (3394454). Ends at 1.40

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-em (5620275)

9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz (6806782) 9.55 Thames News (9395169)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical debate (9942850)
10.35 This Morning. In today's programme, Ben Frow meets the 1950s screen idol Jane Russell, and Anne Robinson offers consumer advice, Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, 11.55 Thames News and weather (25195633)
12.10 Reinbow. Early learning series (r) (6307695)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (1254188) 1.05 Thames News (40335091)

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2.15 Snooker: Coalite World Matchplay Championship. Coverage of the second semi-final from the Dome in Doncaster (7216343) 3.10 ITN News headlines (7776188) 3.15 Thames News (7775459) 3.20 GP. Another dose of medical drama from O2 (3686492)

3.50 Children's ITV: Scooby Doo (5203492) 4.05 Bugs Bunny. Cartoon (r) (7274985) 4.15 Victor and Hugo (s) (8892850) 4.40 Knightmare. Medeval dungeon game (5964492) 5.05 Cartoon. Porky Pig (r) (2655850)

5.15 LWT News and weather (8348904) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

6.30 Park High. Penultimate episode of the documentary about a term

in the life of a comprehensive school (r) (966)

7.00 Through the Keyhole. Loyd Grossman provides the clues, while David Frost myttes Patrick Lichfield, Pattie Coldwell and Willie Rushton to put the celebrity name to the place. (Oracle) (s) (4237)



Christmas cheer: Biji Waddington as Santa Claus (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Percy Sugden (Bill Waddington) dispenses Christmas presents at Krezy Kuts supermarket. (Oracle) (850) 8.00 Gone to Seed. Tony Grounds's comedy drama about the Plant triplets. Starring Alison Steadman, Jim Broadbent and Warren Clarke, with Peter Cook. (Oracle) (s) (5053)

 CHOICE: As Lynda La Plante's thriller moves into its penultimate episode, the impression is growing that a simple plot is being made to go a long way. Essentially, Framed is about the police trying to get a villain to grass on his mates about a robbery. As an episode in The Bill it would neatly and convincingly fill half an hour. Stretched over four hours, it begins to try the patience. La Plante's answer is to build up the sub-plots. Tonight this means getting various characters into bed with each other. There are no fewer than three furtive lielsons, though all are handled with discretion. Easily the most entertaining character continues to be Timothy West's rough, bluff detective inspector. When Framed is over he should be given a

series of his own. (Oracle) (5817) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (347492) 10.35 LWT News (358343)

10.40 The London Programme reports on the homeowners who are caught in the negative equity mortgage trap (490527)

11.10 Snooker: Coalite World Matchplay Champlonship. The concluding frames of the second semi-final (178614)

12.35am One to One. Radio 1 DJ Gary Davies talks to the singer and

actor Neil Diamond (7137831) 1.00 Digging In the Dirt (9775218)
1.10 Bob Downe Under. The comedian Bob Downe reflects on contemporary life in Australia (9302744)

2.10 CinemAttractions. The latest film releases (3415386) 2.40 Raw Power. Rock videos (s) (3148638) 4.35 The Look in the Mirror. Part two of a French drama series about

an American photographer living in Paris (4267218) 5.30 ITN Early Moming News with Phil Roman (26725). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartnons (39701) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (73343) 9.00 You Bet Your Life American quz with Bill Cosby (s) (6801237) 9.25 Film: King Arthur Was a Gentleman (1942, b/w). An amusing vehicle for the comedian Arthur Askey who stars as an inept soldier in Africa who, believing that his sword is the legendary Excalibur, becomes a hero. Directed by Marcel Varnel (86093411)

11.15 Platon. Cartoon about an elderly woman who discovers her lost youth (r) (2304362)

11.30 Credo. The decline of the Swedish Lutheran Church (8411) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (71324) 12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Paul Smon (27256)

1.30 The Herbs. Adventures with the cartoon animals (75618256) 1.45 The Clangers. Outer space purper series (r) (75606411)
2.00 Film: The Gorgeous Hussy (1936, b/w). The Joan Crawford season continues with this polished drama about a headstrong woman who becomes a confidente of President Andrew Jackson. Directed by Clarence Brown (542904)

3.55 High in the Saddle. Equine enimation (4263558) 4.00 Travelog. Sandi Toksvig visits Toronto (r). (Teletext) (s) (879)
4.30 Filtzen to One. Fast-paced general knowledge quiz (s) (661)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Special Trestment. An investigation into allegations of malpractice and abuse at Broadmoor (r) (s) (4850) 6.00 Blossom: House Guests. American comedy series (s) (256) 6.30 Happy Days. Joanie (Erin Moran) buys a car. (Teleted) (506) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Inn Social (Teleted) Marting (507402)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (597492) 7.50 First Reaction. Vicky Woods, editor of Harpers & Queen, on the forthcoming marriage of the Princess Royal (706782) 8.00 Brookside. Drama set in suburban Liverpool. (Teletext) (s) (1527)

8.30 Short Stories: Pulling the Punches

CHOICE: Another strong entry in the series of short documentanes presents the story of Michael, a man in his early

thirties with a long history of violence against women. An assault on his partner, Bernice, has led to conviction for grievous bodily harm and two years on probation. The film follows Michael's alternot to exorcise his deman, with the help of a centre in south London which offers therapy and counselling for violent men. It emerges that Michael, like many of the centre's clients, himself experienced violence as a child and has unwittingly carried in the tradition from the t a brutal father. He is now desperate to break the chain before it extends to his small son. His story is gripping, instructive and told

with penetrating frankness. (Teletext) (s) (3362)

9.00 Spirit of Trees. In the last programme in the series, Dick Warner examines the future of trees (Teletext) (7546)

9.30 Cheers. Lively American comedy series starring Ted Danson as the bar-tending owner of a Boston bar (Teletext) (23481) 10.00 Nurses, Black comedy in a Miami hospital, (Teletext) (s) (72053)



A woman of words: comedienne Joan Rivers (10.30pm)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The media-friendly barrister meets

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11.10 The Word. Entertainment magazine (s) (676701)
12.10am Film: Children of the Damned (1964, b/w). An inferior sequel to Village of the Damned has six child geniuses taking over the world. Starring lan Hendry. Directed by Anton M. Leader (475657)
1.50 Twillight Zone: The Changing of the Guard (b/w). A teacher is on the verge of suicide. With Donald Pleasence (9748034)
2.15 American Football. Gridiron highlights (22589). Ends at 2.45

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10.00am Video Bestsellers (25256) 10.30 Cover Story (58508) 11.00 Gloss (97324) 11.30 Joan Rivers (2915701) 12.15 Sally Jessy Raphael (8208614) 1.10 Lunchbox (64767237) 1.40 Sell-A-Vision (45593685)

(64787257) 1.40 Self-AVision (4559385); 2.10 Learned Friends (2744674) 3.00 Newlywed Game (3782) 3.30 Mothers-In-Law (3411) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke (2546) 4.30 Amencan Germeshows (1430) 5.00 Concen-tration (5527) 5.30 Self-AVision (2782) 6.00 Self-AVision (666031) 10.00 Juliabox (8863256) 2.30-3.00mm Top Five (40096)

6.00am Rainbow (10807053) 6.15 Chortion

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6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air. Andrew Lyle presents

Orchestra under Vernon

Handley); Mozert (Kleine Freimauerkantate, K623: Leipzig Radio Chorus and

Dresden Staatskapelle under Peter Schreier, tenor, With

Hans-Peter Blochwitz, tenor, Andreas Schmidt, bass); Vivaldi (Winter, The Four

composer, with soloists); The Rake's Progress, final scens (Sadler's Wells Opera Chorus:

yal PO under the composer,

with soloists)
Mostly Toscanini: Meyerbeer
(Overture, Dinorah); Roussel
(The Spider's Feast: NBC SO
under Arturo Toscanini);
Debusey (Le Martyre de SaintSebastien: Philharmonia under
Guido Cantelli); RogerDucasse (Sarabende); Berfaz
(Scherzo, Roméo et Juliette);

Ravel (Dephnis et Juliette); Ravel (Dephnis et Chloé, Suite No 2: NBC SO under Toscanin); Dutilleux (Violin Concerto: French Marchin

Concerto: French National Orchestra under Lorin Maazel,

Lisa Beznosluk (baroque flute) and Maggie Cole

(harpsichord) perform Bach's

Sonata in G minor, BWV 1013, Toccata in F sharp minor for keyboard, BWV 910 and

Cyrioth deliais present as second of six programmes featuring original recordings of British music. Elgar (Coronation March: London Patters and London Patters and London Coronation March: London

hilharmonic under Landon

Ronald); Debus (Intermezzo

Beecham); Walton (Three songs from Façade: Dora Stevens, soprano, Hubert

Fennimore and Gerda: London Philharmonic under Thomas

with Issac Stem, vicen)
12.00 Settings of Gottfried Keller

1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert

2.00 Gramophone Premieres: Lyndon Jenkins presents the

Vivaid (Witter, the Pour Seasons: Roston SO under Seij Ozawa)

9.00 Composer of the Week:
Stravinsky — Reinventing the Past (1920-1951). Parl 5:
Opera: John Cax presents Mavra (CBC SO under the Mavr

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music, news, arts news and weather including Satie (Sports

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Exploration and Adventure TSW

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Orchestra under John
Berbrollij; Finzi (Dies natalis:
Boyd Neel Orchestra with Joan
Cross, soprano); HerningCollins (Tureroody for a soldier.

Salomon Duartet with Simon

Whistler, viola 4.30 Music from Latin America: in

the second of three programmes, Lucy Duran introduces music from

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Pascal Suite: Ma mère l'oye,
Mozart's Piano Concerto No
23 in A, K488, Dutilleur's
Symphony No 1 and Ravel's
La Malte.

Lá Valse

9.35 Bridget Rilley: Five Dialogues
on Art. Andrew Grahem-Dixon
looks back over the artist's

Markham: Pieno duo of music by Schubert, Schumann and

Chopin
5 Peinting the Town Grey
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a tidal wave of tourists on the
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kissed a horse there. Woolf's Turin is a city of academics.

publishers, politicars and, above all, writers: Primo Levi, for instance, Cesare Pavese and Natalia Ginzburg. There I

not much music in this documentary and what little there is sounds as if it is being performed by Fiat's

essembling robots
11.30 Midnight Oil: From this year's Contemporary Music Fes in Huddersfield comes a

recording of a late-night show by Glasgow's Cauld Blast Orchestra

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career 9.55 David Nettle and Richard

Columbia
5.00 in Tune: with Richard Baker
and guest Julian Bream
7.30 BBC Philharmonic: Yan

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Tennis loses one of its truest friends

By Andrew Longmore AND ALEX RAMSAY

IT WAS Arthur Ashe who once said that you could be anywhere in the world, hear the voice of Dan Maskell and know that all was right with the world. Ashe was one of many people in the world of tennis to pay tribute to Maskell, who died early vesterday at the age of \$4, nine months after announcing his retirement from the BBC.

He was the doven of television commentators. The standards we seek have been set by Dan," Ashe, Maskell began commentating for the BBC 43 years ago and this year missed his first day at the championships since 1929. His stock-in-trade phrase "Oh, I say" became as much a part of Wimbledon as the grass and the

BBC, Sir Michael Checkland, said last night: "Dan Maskell was one of the small group of outstanding broadcasters who set the highest standards and inspired affection from listeners and viewers. "All of us in the BBC salute his

The Director-General of the

sports programmes."

Further tributes were paid to

Maskell at the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association at Queen's Club, where he began his tennis career in 1923 as a ball boy. The opening words of the meeting were delivered by the association's president, Ian King, who said: "It's a great loss of someone who has been involved throughout all levels of British tennis as a professional player and as a lead-

ing broadcaster. For a lifetime he was an absolute gentleman and it was a

most distinguished contribution to sports programmes." delight to see him and be with him on every occasion. He was an amazing man."

This view was echoed by Chris Gorringe, the chief executive of the All England Club, Wimbledon, where Maskell became a household figure. "So many people felt they were his personal friend whether they had actually met him or just heard him on the television." he said. "It is a mark of his popularity and the esteem in which he was held that no one ever said anything bad against him. No one could have loved the game or done more for tennis.

John Curry, chairman of the All England Club, added: "Dan was inextricably linked with the championships, and to millions of fans he was the voice of Wimbledon."

John Barrett, Maskell's col-league at the microphone, recalled his first meeting with him in 1947. "I went to him for a tennis lesson and found him delightful. He was so intent on finding out what was bothering you. His whole life was dedicated to serving others — first as a ball boy at Queen's, then as coach and as a rehabilitation officer during the war — and he loved being involved in a team.

That was one of the reasons he contributed so much to the BBC. "He always had huge respect for the game of tennis and all those who played it, even when they behaved badly. In return, he gained their respect I never heard of anyone having a bad word to say about him."

say about him." The words of another American commentator, Bud Collins, provide a fitting epitaph: "Everyone I know thinks three things about Dan Maskell: they think he invented television, they think he invented tennis and they think he

American refuses to confirm his retirement after defeat

Loose game lets down McEnroe

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MUNICH

FOR an hour in Munich vesterday, it seemed that John McEnroe might yet stem the tide of time and prove that touch and finesse can mean as much as power in the modern game. He led Goran Ivanisevic by a set and, with a mixture of guile and athleticism, was luring his opponent to the edge of his temper.

But one loose service game at the end of the second set. when he parried a volley just wide, handed the initiative back to Ivanisevic, who had earlier been subdued by the prospect of ending a great champion's career.

Ivanisevic recovered his poise, found his serving touch and, for all McEnroe's desperate efforts to survive, quietly closed the curtain with two service breaks in the final set.

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By instinct. McEnroe saved two match points, the first with an exquisite volley, the second with a volley and a smash. before a lob sent him scampering vainly back to the baseline. His own lob hung tantalisingly in the air before landing long to give Ivanisevica 3-6.6-4, 6-2, victory in an hour and 42 minutes. The crowd stood and applauded, McEnroe

marched off with just a brief wave of the fist. He did, though, acknowledge the umpire, despite being handed a code violation, possibly his last, for verbal abuse. The umpires union will surely not mourn the passing. McEnroe refused categori-

cally to announce his full retirement. "I feel like that's it, but I'm not 100 per cent sure." McEnroe said. "I am going to

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WINNING MOVE

By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

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take a step back and leave my options open. I hope to be able to keep in shape."

McEnroe's policy from the first point was typically bold. Unable to match Ivanisevic for pace, he went to the other extreme, slowing down his own serve, sometimes to park court speed, and making his opponent do the work. The tactics were so successful. Ivanisevic did not have a break point until the end of the second set, by which time McEnroe had tucked away the first with the minimum of fuss. Time and again, the tall lefthander rocketed his returns into the net or over the

Ivanisevic became increasingly frustrated and the decisive break in the first set betrayed his confusion. At 3-4. he served two double-faults, was foot-faulted on break point and then passed with a backhand return. Indeed, the Croat was fortunate not to be given a code violation in the first two sets for a variety of hurls and twirls of the racket.

In contrast to the tempestuous end to their last encounter. in Key Biscayne in March, McEnroe kept his temper well under control until riled by a service line call. At the changeover, he launched a volley at the umpire, Bruno Rebeuh, who issued a code warning with commendable speed. McEnroe, though, was still chuntering as he returned to the court and shortly after lost his serve for the first time and the set.

Back on level terms for the first time in the match, Ivanisevic gained in confidence and began to put increasing pressure on McEnroe's service. He broke to lead 4-1, had a point for 5-1, which McEnroe saved, but broke once more in the next

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: G (venisewo (Cro) bi J McEnroe (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.



Victory-bound: Sampras on his way to a first-round win over Volkov

Milan hit even higher peak

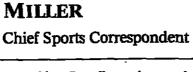
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WATCHING AC Milan an-nihilate Real Madrid 5-0 in the European Cup semi-final second leg of 1989 at San Siro, and then Steaua by four goals in the final, it was not possible to suppose that three years later they would build an even more formidable team. They have.

The Dutch know a thing or two about exceptional football. Feyenoord, Ajax and Philips have set a standard. So too has the national team. Yet one of the Dutch headlines greeting Milan's 2-1 victory in Eindhoven was unrestrained yesterday morning: "A lesson for PSV from a team out of this world." The opinion was unanimous. Milan are playing a class of football that not only made PSV look second rate, on their own ground, but would, I believe, have subdued any of the great teams of the past: Honved, Real, Manchester United, Benfica, Ajax, Bay-

ern, Liverpool. Silvio Berlusconi, Milan's impresario president, had been planning a party vesterday for Fabio Capello, the coach, and his team; but the eye infection that had prevented Beriusconi being in Holland for the match kept him at home. The celebration was deserved. In all my years following the game, I cannot recall a team that

was more of a unit. We expect extravagance from Italian sides, but not players who are simultaneously workaholics. What



Capello has achieved with Milan is, in the words of one of Holland's most experienced critics, "almost unbelievable, they move from goal to goal in seven seconds, it is the ball doing the work".

The experience for PSV was suffocating, like attempting to play on an area reduced by Milan's aggression to the size of a tennis court. There was nowhere to go, and nowhere to hide. If an Eindhoven player lost possession in attack, he in effect instantly put his defence under the whip. They



Lentini: key player

Cappello - who scored the only goal in Italy's first win at Wembley in 1973 - is better than Arrigo Sacchi. When Milan were destroy-

ing Real and Steams three years ago, it was with the languid athleticism of Gullit, the needle sharpness of van Basten and the drive of Rijkaard: the three Dutchmen. Now, the entire team is moving as though computerised, and it is a joy to watch. When Milan were dominant, Baresi, the sweeper, and his two markers, Costacurta and Maldini,

could be seen making three separate moves to put the opposition offside within half a minute: forward and back, forward and back, instantly reshaping the moment PSV did not make the forward pass. Not your fa-miliar, lumbering English offside tactics, that Nottingham Forest so ably punished last week at Leeds

From the team that won the final three seasons ago. Colombo, Donadoni and Ancelotti in midfield have been replaced by Albertini, Lentini and Simone; but now Gullit is withdrawn on the right into midfield and Simone is playing up front with van Basten. Interna-

and Eranio are left on the bench, though Eranio re-placed Gullit after an hour and immediately set up the second goal for Simone.

The key to Milan's abra-sive counter-attacking lay in Lentini on the left. He often combined brilliantly with Maldini and Simone, and Rijkaard on the right. Rijkaard seemed to have thrown off ten of his 30 years, and a PSV defence mising van Aerle, injured, and van Tiggelen, suspended, was in constant agony.

They still argue about how much Berlusconi paid for Lentini in the battle with Juventus to gain his signa-ture from Torino. It is reckoned to have been £10 million. Lentini, rejecting his neighbouring club, Juventus, said he wanted "to win something". It looks as if both parties made the right decision.

The television viewing figures on Wednesday night in Italy were ten million, almost as much as for the national team on an important World Cup day. This is an appropriate reflection of Italian judgment that this is the best Milan team in more than a decade. Yet how nearly, at isolated moments, they were unhinged by the genius of the little Brazilian, Romario. PSV, with one draw and a defeat, now have little chance in the Champions League, whereas Mi-lan are heading inexorably for the final.

TCCB leaves India tour options open

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of England's winter tour of India being cancelled receded yesterday as the Test and County Cricket Board stressed a desire to leave

a decision to the last moment. Although hundreds have died during religious violence in India this week, the board remains committed to the tour, which is due to start on December 28. "We are very keen to go and we very much hope we can," Alan Smith, the chief executive, said. "We will not be making any precipitate decisions and I am quite prepared to have a meeting with my executive at Gatwick on December 27 if that is appropriate."

board, which ended yesterday, "expressed concern over the situation in India". Smith is in regular contact with the Foreign Office and, through them, with Sir Nicholas Fenn, Britain's High Commissioner in Delhi. But the tour is likely to proceed, even if dates and venues have to be revised. "The safety of the team is of

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and it would be up to the Indian board to tell us if they thought the tour was now inappropriate." Smith said. The mooted alternative of a trip to New Zealand vesterday was described by Graham Dowling. Smith's counterpart

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in Christchurch, as "very difficult to accommodate". Pakistan's bid with India and Sri Lanka to stage the 1995 World Cup could be endangered by the unrest "We have time yet, but everything is in a melting pot." Nasim Hassan Shah, the president of the Pakistan cricket board, said yesterday.

In the wake of the attack on tour selection by a voluble group of David Gower supporters and MCC members. Smith said that confidence in the selectors was "unanimous and enthusiastic" among delegates, who included two MCC officers in Michael Melluish and John Stephenson.

The most radical decision taken was to impose a two-run penalty for all no-balls. Tim Lamb, the board's cricket secretary, reported a general view that the number of no-balls now being bowled was "unprofessional and a source of initiation to speciators". The new regulation will apply, as a one-year experiment, in all domestic cricket, but will also be proposed to next summer's Australian touring team.

In the first year of a fully four-day county championship, bonus points will be earned in the first 120 overs of each first innings, rather than 100. Baning points will now be gained for scoring 200 and each further 50 up to 350, but the new ball will still be available after 100 overs.

A proposal on ball tampering, expected to be made shortly by the law-making MCC cricket committee, will be discussed by the March meeting of the TCCB.

☐ Tom Graveney, the former England batsman, will be the match referee for the Pakistan tour of the West Indies beginning in March.

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